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A controlled explosion makes safe a 600lb car bomb outside the RUC headquarters in Londonderry yesterday. An IRA splinter group had telephoned a warning PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL PAUL

Schools tagging row

Curfew orders on 10 to 15-year-olds

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

EW legislation potential trouble spots such as shopping centres and football matches. The schemes are run by private security tronic tags to stay in school was greeted

for adults will be extended to offenders aged 10 to 15.

The use of the tags to monitor attendence at school — an guided idea". extension of the proposals not previously revealed — will not need the agreement of wear the tags to school as "a

teachers or education au-thorities. They are also in-tended to be used to keep young offenders away from

The proposals provoked a chorus of protests from with a barrage of criticism within the criminal justice under the legislation, the trials of US-style electronic tags to monitor curfew orders for adults will be extended to an electronic descent take the place of a responsible adult to control the behaviour



trophy" and would live up to the "hard image" by repeat-edly breaching the curfews

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an amendment to Michael Howard's Crime (Sentences) Bill yesterday by the Home adult to control the behaviour of a child is a deeply misguided idea".

Chief probation officers "one of the worst ideas yet to predicted that children would was the task to school as "a "The new law was tabled as at school of the worst ideas to school as "a "The new law was tabled as at school of the worst ideas yet to curiew, whether at home or at school of the worst ideas yet to curiew. The new law was tabled as at school.

courts mostly for children who have been involved repeatedly in crimes such as shoplifting, vandalism and hooliganism No parental consent will be needed but the courts will have to take account of family circumstances when setting the hours of the curiew, for ex-

ample if all adults in the house-hold are out working at the time.

The orders mean the juveniles could in effect be under house arrest for up to 12 hours at a time.
Labour and the Liberal

Democrats accused Mr Mac-lean of timing his announcement to deflect attention from a highly critical official Audit Commission report on youth crime published yesterday. The report, Misspent Youth, revealed chronic fall-

ings in the £1 billion-a-year juvenile justice system and backed cheaper schemes

The curiew orders, which away from crime rather than could last up to three months, using the expensive and inefare expected to be used by the fective courts. Mr Maclean using the expensive and ineffective courts. Mr Maclean yesterday dismissed the 18-month official study as "pathetically defeatist".

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said yesterday's tagging announcement had been foreshadowed in John Major's speech to the Tory party conference and represented a "recycling of old headlines as a desperate attempt to obscure the Audit Commission's damning report on the Government's failure on youth crime".

But Charles Rose, managing director of Geografix, the company running the Home Office trials in Norfolk, said: The consensus seems to be that tagging works. Over 18 months we have proven that we can monitor the obser-vance of curiews on adult offenders. The success rate of people complying with the orders has been exceptional."

Car bomb awakens fears of violence

MASSIVE car bomb was defused outside RUC headquarters in Londonderry yester-day, adding to the mood of fatalism in the province as people on both sides of the divide fear a slide back into

widespread violence.

The 600lb bomb, packed into 13 plastic bags in the back of a Renault, was claimed to be the work of a little known republican splinter group. The IRA Continuity of the co ity Army Council called media on both sides of the border, without using a recognised codeword, warning of the bomb. The area was evac-uated and Army disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion on the car, which was found to contain homefertiliser-based

The Social Democratic and Labour Party leader, John Hume, who is MP for the city, said he was deeply angered. "The people who are engaged in this activity today are enemies of the people of Derry," he said. Mr Hume insisted, however, that an IRA cease-

fire could yet be achieved.

The IRA Continuity Army
The Ulster Unionist leader,
The Ulster Unionist leader, ibility for the bombing of the Killyhevlin Hotel in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, in July. In September it abandoned a car bomb in central Belfast. which was also neutralised by the army.

The group is believed to draw its small membership mainly from the west of Ul-ster. Republican Sinn Fein, the party which broke with Gerry Adams's Provisional Sinn Fein in 1986, has denied that CAC is its military wing. but they share the belief that

removed only by violence.

Police said yesterday's bomb, in Strand Road, close to the heart of Derry, would have had a devastating impact upon the city centre. Its impact on the battered peace process and the accompany ing littery peace was already being felt across Northern Ireland last night.

As winter sets in, the mood of people is becoming ever more gloomy. On the ground the landscape is beginning to revert to stereotype, with increasing army and RUC pat-rols and checkpoints.

Soundings taken across the province among security, po-litical, republican and loyalist sources all point towards the same chilling conclusion that there is nothing to prevent the return to widespread

Recent speculation that the IRA is holding an unofficial ceasefire while Mr Hume seeks concessions from John Major on Mr Adams's behaif and that a new ceasefire could be in place by Christmas has been scotched by words as well as deeds. Republican sources have denied the newspaper stories and last weekend police foiled an IRA

David Trimble, emerged from talks with the Prime Minister to demand that he make a statement on the behind-thescenes talks he is having with Mr Hume.

The Government was running the danger of a 'loss of confidence" among the people of Ulster if he failed to make the negotiations public, he said. Downing Street later inthe Prime Minister to make turn to page 2, column 6

Widow loses fight to have husband's sperm exported

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

DIANE Blood's hopes of having her dead husband's baby were dashed again last night when the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority refused to send his frozen sperm abroad. Her battle for the right to be

artificially inseminated with sperm taken from her uncon-scious husband, Stephen, as he lay dying has attracted na-tionwide sympathy and more than £20,000 in donations towards her legal fees.

case to the High Court after ! the authority refused permisting for the procedure, arguing it would be unlawful because Mr Blood, who went chaired the committee leadcause Mr Blood, who went into a coma after contracting meningitis, had not consented in writing.

The court held that under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act written con-sent was necessary for the in-

Embryology Act written consent was necessary for the insemination to be carried out in Britain.

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the court's family division, also rolled that the authority was not acting unreasonably in refusing to apport the snerm for use of facts."

In ad the committee of inquiry considered such a case, we would have seen no ethical or public policy objections to allowing the woman to become pregnant by the use of her husband's five a sperm, either in this country or apport the snerm for use export the sperm for use facta." Mrs Blood, aged 30, re-mort-gaged her house to take the within its discretion.

Amid a wave of national agains sympathy for Mrs Blood's ruling.

Eminent figures including plight, the authority, headed the fertility treatment by Roth Deech, principal of St argue when the case goes to ploneer, Lord Winston, and Anne's College, Oxford, the Appeal Court in January Anne's College, Oxford, the Appeal Court in January agreed to reconsider its that the authority's refusal to

ing to the authority's creation, backed Mrs Blood's wish to have her husband's baby, Baroness Warnock told the court: "I feel certain that, had the committee of inquiry mattered treatment and the count of sperm abroad is unlawful if it would be used for purposes unlawful in Britain. Mrs Blood could be insemi-But last night it was mainnated at clinics in Belgium or Florida if the authority would agree to release her husband's sperm. Mrs Blood's father, Michael McMahon, last night sald she

was distraught and outraged over the decision. She plans to press ahead with an appeal against the High Court

allow the sperm to be sent abroad breaches European law. Under rules guarantee ing free access to medical ser-vices throughout the European Union, they will say, she should be permitted to

It emerged last night that the authority has been in close contact with lawyers at the Department of Health, who have advised that the original extraction of sperm without Mr Blood's consent never have been carried out. to the Court of Appeal



was unlawful and should Diane Blood . . . taking fight

Inside

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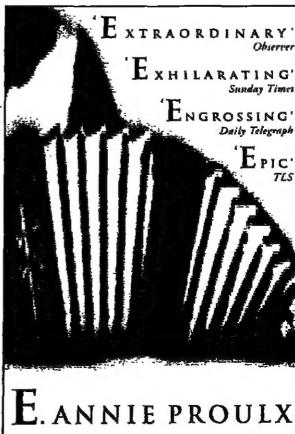
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THE NEW NOVEL BY THE AUTHOR OF THE SHIPPING NEWS



AVAILABLE FROM **WATERSTONE'S**

rate mechanism, create supra-national monitoring powers and a "stability part" to help

they would only apply to those countries that enter

into a single currency", and

promised MPs their routine pre-summit debate next

month - after the six-day

Budget debate, but not before Mr Clarke attends the finance

meeting. It could, in theory, take binding decisions that

would come into effect imme-

diately on the single currency "outs" as well as the "ins". John Redwood last night

wrote to Mr Clarke seeking

binding assurances that he will not make such conces-

the present tense climate. Still more will press Mr Major this weekend.

To sceptics in both parties the issue is the protection of

national sovereignty against

what the former chancellor, Norman Lamont, called "a

December 2 Other sions on December 2. Other MPs think he will not dare in

sustain a single currency. Mr Major yesterday argued

Sketch

He's the leader with a gangbang on his hands



Simon Hoggart

vesterday when they heard that members of a quasi-political gang, which has been terrorising the British people for years, had been allowed to wander openly and unattended around the

Commons.
"They could have been working out where to strike next." said one appalled member. "They are disgusting hypocrites, pretending that they ore just ministers and have nothing to do with the Government which has brought untold misery to the British people over the last two

Their anger focused on the Government's decision not to hold a proper debate and a vote on the new single currency regulations recently sent over from Brussels for member states to discuss. Bored already?

Of course you are. So, very briefly, the Government has been trying to duck a full de-bate on the new regulations because they would expose the divisions in the Conservative Party. They might even

lose the vote.

The Prime Minister got a whiff of the universal crossness when David Heathcoat-Amory (C, Wells), who resigned this year over Europe, demanded a debate. Europe, demanded a debate. Mr Major replied that this was not necessary, since the new regulations would apply only to countries that joined the

single currency.
As it happens this is not the case. Many of the penalties and sanctions in the new regulations would apply specifi-cally to countries which had opted out. But no one should be surprised by the Prime Minister's mis-statement These days the truth and Mr Major are rather like Greece and Turkey: they are obliged to live together, but the relationship is always grudging and often hostile. But it was poor Tony New-

Review

Derek Malcolm

TiS a bit of a disadvantage being a mere film critic at the London Festival these

days. The place is full of leader writers. Another politically

controversial time-bomb was

George's Some Mother's Son, with Helen Mirren in the lead

as the mother of one of the hunger strikers in the Maze

prison of 1981. "Will the film be banned,

Terry" shouted a supporter when the director and Jim

Sheridan, the producer and writer, took the stage after-

open in America in Decem-

wards, "I hope so," said George, "Preferably before we

ber." After Westminster coun-cil's decision to ban David

Cronenberg's Crash, you feel that anything might happen.

The film is unlikely to be judged as a work of art any

more than the Cronenberg

takes the hunger strikers' side, claiming historical accu-

Mirren plays a woman who has never voted but who is

finally politicised and joins in

the campaign for Bobby Sands

She is devastated when her

She then has to make the deci-

POOR teaching is contrib-uting to the rise in the number of children expelled

from schools, the chief

Chris Woodhead, head of the

Office for Standards in Educa-

tion, said pupils who had not

been taught to read adequately

at primary school were likely tant to take at to become frustrated and dis- of disruption.

schools inspector said

Teachers 'partly to blame'

sion whether to save him or

Donald MacLeod

son joins the hunger strike

and reaches the critical list.

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shown last night: Terry

Some Mother's Son

London Film Festival

ton, the Leader of the House, who got the full blast of their rage. Mr Newton is a nice man, if unwilling to commit himself. ("Nice day, Tony!" "Hmm, I do not think I would necessarily be stepping out-side the limits of my brief if I

were to agree that, yes, the sun does appear to be shining on a provisional basis.") He is, you might say, the Gerry Adams of the outfit, a safe public face who implies that they can't all be bloodthirsty

esperadoes. Traditionally the leader is a vaguely non-political figure, supposed to pay more heed to the rights of the Commons than to the convenience of the executive. For that reason his weekly question session is usually a fairly courteous, downbeat affair

Not yesterday. Yesterday it was more like a gangbang. No sooner had one brute finished savaging Mr Newton than another was unbuckling his metaphorical belt

You are riding roughshod over Parliament. The Government is contemptuous of democracy!" said one. "You are profoundly wrong," said an-other. "You are risking your eputation, and risk being thought a willing participant in a disreputable subterfuge," said a third. And they were

ust the Tories. Labour was equally angry, but soon realised that they could sit back, like Tom Sawand let others do the work. John Stanley (Tonbridge)

said the Government was setting a "dangerous precedent" Michael Carttiss (Yarmouth) wanted to know what minis-ters were afraid of. Tony 'Von" Marlow (Northampton N) was beside himself. Why should the Government de-

serve our support? he fumed. "Give us time on the floor of the House," cried lain Duncan-Smith (Chingford). John Wilkinson (Ruislip), who had subterfuge", even compared the MPs' annoyance to the American colonists'. "The ame issue is at stake — the abuse of executive power.

Will they hold the Westminster Tea Party? Actually they do all the time, so it wouldn't make much of a protest.

To all this poor Mr Newton was reduced to saying sadly. think I can add to what I said earlier." He will.

when he loses consciousness

All this, and rather more in

lemmas of IRA supporters, the

general, is accomplished with

some power and skill. But it's

a pity that the British are mostly presented as Thatcher

ite dummies, while the repub-

more sympathetically. The film tries at times for an

even hand — some nice Brit-ish soldiery ald Mirren when

beach, and there are a tew
lines in the screenplay which
suggest that it wasn't only
British intransigence that
ruled OK.
On the whole, though, this
is a portrait of a terrible time

that does not even pretend to be wholly balanced.

uniformly excellent, with Fionnula Flanagan particu-

larly good as an IRA go-between who befriends Mir-

Lynch as Sands not far be-hind. Mirren, of course, is one

ren's character, and John

of our best actresses and

Added to that, the film-

making does not look like

mere polemic, even if it occaslonally is. George and Sheridan try

hard to talk about people as

night's audience gave them

This review appeared in

later editions yesterday.

solid applause for their effort.

ruptive at secondary school

roblems were compounded by

boring lessons. "Children taught badly are children likely

to become bored, and bored

children are likely to misbe-

The report on exclusions

from secondary schools found

an unacceptable variation be

tween schools, with "trigger

many pupils and others reluc-tant to take action in the face

happy" schools expelling too

have," he said.

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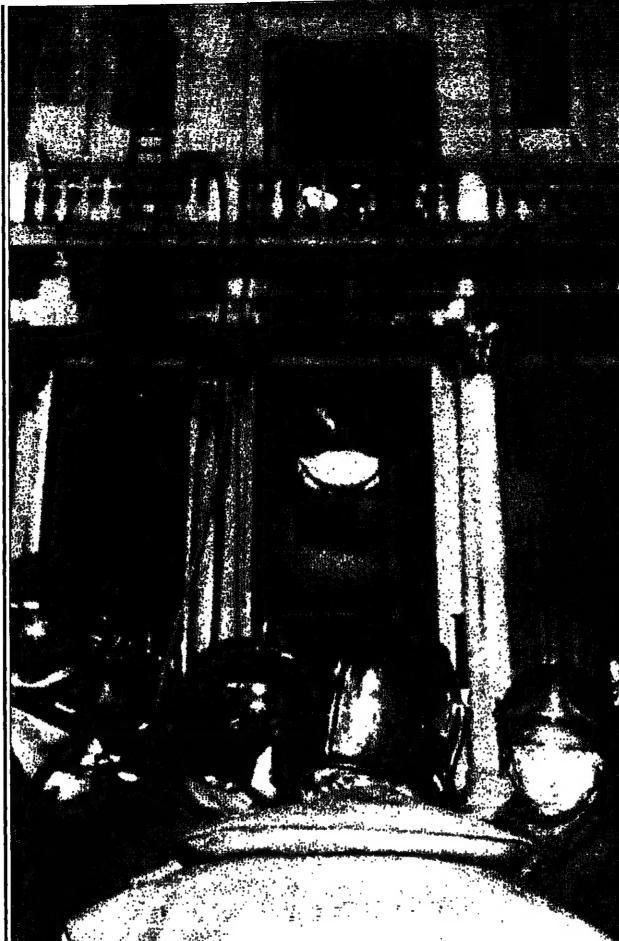
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British government and the beople of Northern Ireland in

Characters strive

for sympathy and

skip balance test



Firefighters survey the ruins of La Fenice opera bouse in Venice after the January 29 fire which experts now say was arson

La Fenice blaze blamed on mafia

Leaked report says gangsters razed Venice opera house

HE fire that destroyed Venice's La Fenice opera bouse was started deliberately and with the aim of razing the historic building to the ground, an expert study

as concluded. A leaked extract from the report by Amedeo Torzo — a fire investigation specialist commissioned by the prosecutor's office to look into the blaze — is pub-lished in the latest edition of the magazine Diario

della Settimana. It quotes Mr Torzo, an setting for the premières of engineer, as saying: "La Verdi's La Traviata and Fenice theatre was the Rigoletto. It was under- Mr Torzo is quoted as

The passage from Mr Tor-zo's report says the blaze

was started at three separate points. The first was an area under the roof used does not cite sources, it says the prosecutor, Felice for creating props and "absolutely invisible from ground level".

Casson, became increas-The second was the upper gallery. Mr Torzo's notes, ingly convinced that the fire was the work of orgaprepared for the prosecu nised criminals hoping to tor, say starting a fire there had "the aim of distracting". The fire brigade concentrated on the gallery, while "the area under the roof burned invisibly". cash in on the reconstruction. Evidence from Mr Torzo aggests the arsonists were not only highly professional, but bent on causing as much damage as

A third point of origin was discovered in or near the foyer. This blaze "had, in addition, the aim of thwarting the investigation

going extensive renovation having told the prosecutor: when it was consumed by fire on January 29. The seat of the fire under the roof was intended to the roof was intended to bring about the certain destruction of the theatre in the event that the fire brigade succeeded in putting out the blaze started

on top of the foyer." Diario della Settimana, s supplement of the daily newspaper L'Unita, says the prosecutor has provi-sionally concluded that mafiasi were brought in to start the fire by a contrac tor. The contractor's firm was behind with its work and he wanted to avoid hav-ing to pay penalties set out

in his contract. The magazine says there is evidence to suggest that the blaze was the work of gangsters belonging to the loosely organised Neapoli-tan mafia, known as the

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If you'd like to understand what's happening on Sci-Fi TV, Radio Times Sci-Fi page will tell you everything you need to know, and it's not in Klingon!

Radiolimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

Clarke 'ignoring public

premeditated action."

cash

possible

Though the magazine

Clarke, is drawing a veil over a public spending timebomb to justify tax cuts in next week's Budget, the Guardian's panel of econo-

Government's spending plans which are extremely tight for before an election — and says there is no economic case for a giveaway budget.

"Tax cuts should not even be on the agenda," the report says. But with many back-

Dr Ann Robinson . . . 'tax

they say. "If he opts for prudence ... and the Tories lose, Mr Clarke might find himself described as the chancellor who lost the election." The six economists, drawn

from academia and the City, say neither the Conservatives nor Labour are likely to trim Whitehall spending enough to justify substantial tax cuts.
"No party seems prepared to face the structural issues, which involve a complete re-think of social, security, health and education spend-

The panel says these three departments account for almost two thirds of state ex-penditure, and points out that previous Treasury projec-tions for spending cuts have proved wildly optimistic. But given the political salience of hospitals and schools, the group expect Mr Clarke to an-nounce increases in these budgets, balanced by a squeeze on local authorites and cuts in new investment. Despite misgivings about the public finances, the Wise Women say the economy is generally in good shape, with prices rising modestly, growth steady and consumer

confidence on the rise. The Guardian's Wise Women are: Dr Ann Robinson, director general of the National Association of Pension Funds, Professor Janette

Rutterford, professor of fi-nance at the Open University, Dr Penelope Rowlatt, director of National Economic Research Associates; Marian Bell, treasury economist at the Royal Bank of Scotland; and Bronwyn Curtis, deputy man-aging director and chief economist at the Nomura Res Institute. Pamela Meadows, director of the Policy Studies Institute, is joining the panel.

not made easier by the appar ently fruitless visit to No. 10. Loyalists have been stres ing for months that the Gov-erument must reward them in a way which distinguishes them from the IRA, setting an example to their grassroots that holding the line is profit-able. Many loyalist hard-liners believe the IRA has not been punished for ending its

would be the release of prisoners. It was no surprise therefore that loyalist leaders reacted with dismay to the tinkering gestures announced yesterday by Sir Patrick May-hew, the Northern Ireland Secretary. Christmas parole is to be extended from seven to 10 days, and there are other

Major fails to dampen **Euro row** widening the Tory split by backing calls for a full Commons debate on the three dis-puted EU regulations which would create a new exchange

Michael White Political Edito

OHN Major was once OHN Major was once again plunged into a crisis over Europe last night after failing to convince angry MPs that the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, will not be allowed to make concessions on the EU's single currency before the Commons debates the implications for economic

sovereignty.

After another day of turmoil in Westminster's bubbling Euro-war, Conservative Euro-sceptics at last night's crowded meeting of the back-bench 1922 committee noisily bench 1922 committee misary demanded cast-iron assur-ances from Mr Major that Mr Clarke will make no irrevers-thle deals with fellow finance ministers on December 2.

The Prime Minister had told a crowded Commons during Question Time that "no final decisions are being taken" at the finance minis-ters' meeting 10 days before the full Dublin summit on

But Tony Blair later wrote to him claiming his remarks had been "wholly inaccurate" at various points.

Former Tory ministers such as David Heathcoat-Amory, who resigned over Europe in July, agreed. One Conservative sceptic later said it made him "sick to the back teeth to see the PM being out-scepticked by Tony Blair.

Tory loyalists admit the issue has been mishandled since 150 MPs on both sides called for a proper debate on obscure regulations at the heart of a rowdy, symbolic government defeat in a Commons committee this week.

In refusing the debate, Mr Major appears keen to pre-vent the combative Mr Clarke and his party critics beating the daylights out of each other under the TV lights. "Ken wouldn't back down, nor would they," said one MP. Mr Clarke's priority is getting Tuesday's electionsering Budget right, not fighting

legislative one-way street of rules which Britain could agree, but not subsequently reverse". He warned that much of Britain's reserves could end up under EU control. Colleagues argue they would become the subject of fines if Britain misses the Maastricht rules on spending and borrowing — even out-side the single currency — if Germany's tough proposals

are endorsed. Amid talk of "disreputable subterfuge", the Leader of the Commons, Tony Newton, faced repeated challenges from Labour and Tories not to table procedural motions giving legal British assent behind their backs.

Tony Marlow, a Tory, warned that if he dld so without proper debate, the Gov-ernment would be "riding roughshod over Parliament Ministers intend to tough it out and, because of the Budget debate, there is now no nance before the December 2

spending timebomb'

Sometimes referred to as

the world's most beautiful theatre, La Fenice was the

HE Chancellor, Kenneth

mists warns today. In their annual pre-Budget report, the "Wise Women" also say Mr Clarke is unlikely to hit his inflation target of 2.5 per cent, and call for an immediate increase in the cost of borrowing. "A rise in base rates from 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent before the election would possibly remove the need for a rise to at least 7 per cent after the election,

their report says.

The group questions the

benchers telling the Chancellor that only income tax cuts can deliver a fifth term, the Wise Women expect him to trim 1p off the basic rate, currently 24p in the pound. "Mr Clarke cannot ignore health and education the political background," lng," the paper says.

cuts should not be on agenda

Army defuses 600lb car bomb outside RUC headquarters

continued from page 1 such a statement to the Loyalist leaders are fight

ing a losing bettle to maintain their ceasefire — a struggle The most tangible reward

minor modifications

There is a danger that the all-party talks at Stormont are about to collapse. It is strongly rumoured that chairman George Mitchell will announce that he is pulling out next week, once President Clinton announces a senior

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aconfedence

Woman deceived for 17 years by transsexual husband

Self-made man loses claim to fortune

an whose wealthy former wife insists she was unaware of his true sex during their 17-year marriage lost his claim to a share of her substantial wealth yesterday.

The 39-year old wife, here see he show of a first here.

ess to a share of a family fortune. had the marriage to her transsexual husband declared null and void in 1994 after dis-covering his birth certificate. She insists she believed that her husband, who wore a false penis made of plaster of Paris, was male but had a

truth debarred him from a share in the £400,000 family home or any other claim on her wealth, which he esti-mates at £300,000 a year from family trusts.

The pair cannot be identi-fied to protect their children, a boy of nine and a girl of four, born after artificial in-semination by a sperm donor. The man, referred to as M, is also fighting for contact with the children. The 50-year-old transsexua

who lives in a two-room flat in the south of England, said: 'T'm disappointed that she's

Yesterday three Court of Appeal judges ruled that his belong to her. All I can do "gross deception" in marrying her without disclosing the for contact with my children for contact with my children and white the contact with being to her. All I can do
now is pursue my application
for contact with my children
and pursue my case to the
European Court of Human
Rights."

M, born into a working
class family in the north of
England, became convinced
when a termoger that he was a

when a teenager that he was a man trapped inside a woman's body. He later underwent a double mastectomy and bed hormone injections to deepen his voice and grow a beard, but never underwent the diffi-cult operation to construct a penis from body tissue. In 1977, he met his future wife, then a 19-year-old university student, at the pub

penis he made from plaster of Paris. Then they both went to a Soho sex shop to choose a

Lords Justices Ward, Pot-ter and Neill refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. M's solicitor, Madeleine Rees, said she would seek leave from the law lords and, if they refused, take the case to the Human Rights court in Strasrights of transsexuals have still to be recognised in law."

But Lord Justice Ward held out hope that British trans-sexuals who undergo "full reconstructive surgery" may, in future, be able to contract

many, Italy, the Netherlands, and some US states. He cited a New Zealand court ruling that a male to female transsexual could validly marry as a woman, and suggested that

He later claimed they had a sex, as they can in New Zeath the truth being disclosed or normal sex life using at first a land, Australia, Sweden, Gerdiscovered is one of the puzthe ban on such marriages might be reconsidered.

might be reconsidered.

Lord Justice Ward said he had great sympathy for both parties. It was "essentially a sad story" and the couple had both suffered greatly.

They had persuaded a fertility clinic to provide artificial insemination, claiming that M had bed a vaserthmy. Lord Justice Ward commented: "The apparent ease with which they were able to obtain this treatment without

zling... features of this case." The relationship broke down and the wife petitioned for divorce in 1991. After a for divorce in 1991. After a serious argument, when she cast doubt on his manhood, she said M showed her his artificial penis, asking whether that was not good enough. The judge said she retorted: "It's not real."

She confided her suspicions to an old school friend who

to an old school friend who
was a private investigator,
who found M's original birth
certificate. When this was produced in court, M "more or less collapsed". His wife "20 months later was still receiving counselling for the shock it gave her".

- will find it quite astonishing that there was no single occasion in 17 years of life together when her eyes did not see, or her hands or her body feel, or her senses tell her that she was living with a man who had the genital formation of a woman, a man who did not simply have a small or deformed penis, but had no penis at all."

Lord Justice Ward said he understood the argument that a transsexual who enters into marriage honestly believing there is no impediment should not be debarred from a share of the marriage wealth.
"But that is not the case. He

knew the plaintiff would not

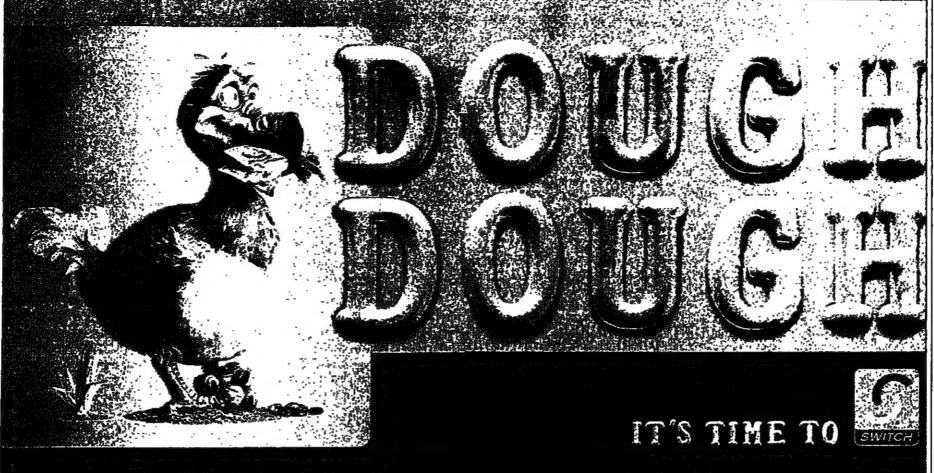
Lord Justice Ward added: marry him in the unhappily "Many — and I am one of ambiguous condition to ambiguous condition to which he is condemned. The fundamental essence of matrimony must be ... buttressed by refusing to permit the de-fendant taking any advantage from the decree of nullity which has annulled this trav-

esty of marriage."

Lord Justice Potter said M had deceived the woman into a marriage and "thereby artificially enjoyed a standard of living throughout the marriage far higher by reason of the plaintiff's means than would otherwise have been the case, for reasons which reflect to credit more him.

The off-thewall idea. honed over a long lunch, will no longer turn into a commercial in the cashstrapped 90s without painstaking research to ensure that sample groups of customers will actually like it





One of the Switch posters, in the running for the least liked modern advert within the industry. Others include the Ford Ka commercial and X-Files spoof for a mobile phone company

Bubble bursts for high-living advertising industry the BC had been planning to keep details under wrans

EN years ago, the advertising industry was fabled to be a place of high-living, coke-snifting creative ferment, where a young whiz-kid's Big Idea suddenly became the jingle on every tongue and stuffed his pockets full of bank notes.

But according to Campaign magazine, the ad person's Bible, the magic has evaporated - burst like the soap bubbles that were supposed to wash whiter in the grey face of the recession-hit 90s.

A lifestyle survey of 800 people in advertising agencies found only 28 per cent agreed that "most advertising works". Just 17 per cent thought that "most advertising is good".

g is good". It suggests a striking crisis It suggests a striking crisis of confidence from people whose business is to inspire the punter to part with hard-earned cash for the jeans to die for or a trip on the world's favourite airline.

While the big agencies in-sist their staff really do believe in their campaigns, there are those who acknowledge times have changed. The off-the wall idea, honed over a long lunch, will no longer turn into a commercial in the cash-strapped 90s without nainstaking research to en-

Life of a salesman

Admen - and the majority are men — come in a variety of roles, but Campaign magazine's lifestyle survey suggests most are less stylish than their 1980s image.

☐ Marks and Spencer was the top store for work ciothes (15%) followed by

Next (9%) and Jigsaw (7%).

sure sample groups of cus-tomers will like it. "Everything now researched so much," said Graham Fink, president of the Design and Art Directors Association, and a director of the Paul Weiland Film Company. "A lot of things get watered down. The creative good and by the time it is on the air, it is only half as good.

There's now a lot of style over

The sample groups are read the script and shown story boards and asked for a reac-tion. "People say I won't like that - particularly if it is something very original."

☐ After the news, their favourite television programme is Friends (18%), followed by sport (11%) and

☐ Their favourite makes of car are Mercedes, followed by BMW, Porsche, Aston Martin and Jaguar.

☐ Their top five children's names are Toby, Tom, James, Alexander/Alexa dra and Lucy.

☐ If they were not in adver-

a runaway success of the 80s - the British Airways television commercial which showed thousands of people grouped to look like a pair of lips, and then an eye and an ear that transformed into the world. It was the classic Big Idea — very simple and designed to work in any country.

"Now they would start talk-ing about what type of lips and should it be a blue or a green eye." Mr Fink said. Advertising should get back to ideas, he added, like the entertainment of the Carling Black Label and Hamlet cigar

tising, their chosen professions would be as barrister, writer, actor, artist and merchant banker.

☐ Most would vote Labour (44%), then Conservative (38%), then Liberal Democrat (10%).

□ Their favourite newspaper is the Times (19%), followed by the Guardian (13%), the Daily Telegraph (12%), the Independent (9%) and the Daily Mail (7%).

- "that was really different".

He is not alone in the indus try in disliking the Bob Hos-kins British Telecom adverts, which last week came top of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising's Effectiveness Awards. Some say its success has little to do with much apart from Bob Hoskins just as the two children in the Safeway's ad have ensured it got coverage in all the tabloid

Adam Crozier, joint chief executive of Saatchi and Saatchi, is more enthusiastic. "Most of the people here really do believe in what they ads and the surrealist early do ... here people are feeling X-Files spoof for Benson and Hedges campaign very buoyant." But he ac-

knowledges we are no longer in the heady 80s. "The pressures are much greater and there are fewer people who will go with a gut decision." Dave Waters, creative di-

rector of Duckworth, Finn. Grubb, Waters, which took honours in the IPA awards for the Daewoo campaign, sees a change: "It's less gungho since the recession bit. It has been a difficult time for clients to put their heads on the chopping block."

A good agency will still back a bright idea, he believes. "Look at Levis — it's still as good as it ever was." But isn't that the point?
There is another way in which the industry has changed, Mr Waters would say. The survey revealed that 57 per cent had used drugs or knew a colleague who had — not in his agency, of course, which is responsible for an

anti-drugs campaign. But the high-rolling cocains days have gone. "Since the recession, nobody is going to put up with that kind of behaviour." So which modern advert does the industry like least? Those in the running include the Switch posters, the new Ford Ka commercial, and the X-Files spoof for a mobile



reflect no credit upon him". Lord Justice Neill agreed. **BBC** to

make

series

on IRA

Media Correspondent

HE BBC is to risk provoking an embarrassing political row by producing a documentary on the his-

tory of the modern IRA. The series, which has the working title The Provos, is to be screened next autumn, and will examine the development of the IRA and its relationship with Sinn Fein

The project is certain to spark a strong political reac-tion at Westminster and in Northern Ireland. Coverage of the conflict has been one of the most sensitive areas for

In 1985 the controversy over the Real Lives programme, which featured an interview with Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness, prompted Mar-garet Thatcher to accuse the BBC of giving the oxygen of publicity to terrorists.

The history of the republi-

can movement will be presented by Peter Taylor, who has reported on Ireland for 25 to keep details under wraps because of the sensitivity of the subject, matter. The end-

ing in February of the IRA's ceasefire has given added topicality to the series. A spokeswoman for BBC News said: 'It will be a

proper piece of journalism — the whos, wheres and whats - as you would expect from a journalist of Peter Taylor's calibre." She said it was an entirely

appropriate subject for a BBC programme. "It is a vital part of the history of the past 25 years, which has had an

impact on us all."
The programme would be balanced with views from the British and Irish governments, but interviews had yet to be arranged.
"Peter Taylor has consis-

tently brought inside knowledge and depth into the reporting of the problems of Northern Ireland," she said. Coverage of Northern Ireland merited a full chapter in the BBC's revised Producers Guidelines issued last week, which state: "Reporting of Northern Ireland is as a litmus test of the BBC's It is likely the project would executives in Northern Ire-

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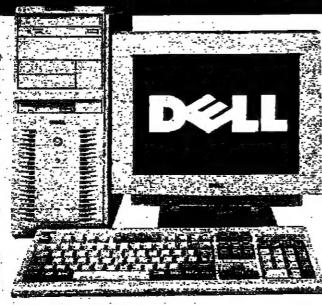
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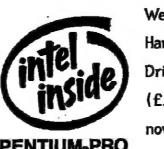
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Millennium wheel gets go-ahead

THE Government gave the go-ahead last night to the controverstad £10 million Millennium Wheel, to be built on the South
Bank of the Thames in central London. John Gummer, the
Environment Secretary, described it as "an inspired idea and
an imaginative way" to mark the millennium.
In a Commons written reply he said the project would prolike Thangarallaled, once in a lifetime views of the heart of the

vide "unparalleled, once in a lifetime views of the heart of the capital. It will bring visitors and new life to this important stretch of the River Thames."

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The proposal, by the architects David Marks and Julia Bar-field, is for a 500-feet high wheel next to the former County Hall,

Crash wife murdered

A JEALOUS husband who was found guilty of murdering his wife by deliberately crashing their car on a country road after she left him for another man was jailed for life at Swansea crown court

Robin Day, 49, a student teacher, smashed their Fiat Punto into a milk churn stand after Jennifer Day, 45, a mother of two, said she had fallen in love with John Brunt, a neighbour in the village of St Dogmoels, Dyfed. Later their children, Michael, 18, and Jaclyn, 15, found a letter

at home addressed to them by Day.
He wrote of his wife: "I love her so much I cannot live without her ... I don't want to hurt mummy. I just want us to be in heaven

Ridings authority probe

CALDERDALE, the education authority responsible for the Rid-ings School in Hallifax which was temporarily closed to restore order, yesterday bowed to pressure from Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, to submit to an inspection of its services. The Office for Standards in Education will begin a problem next month. — Denoted Marchard review next month. — Donald MacLeod





for Steve Bell

STEVE Bell was named Strip Cartoonist of the Year by the Cartoon Art Trust last night for If . . , the daily strip which he has drawn for the

Guardian since 1981. In the awards ceremony at the Royal Society of Arts in London, Bell said: "I would like to thank my mother for having me, the Guardian for printing me and John Major for being so easy

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Ill ex-miners win benefits

THOUSANDS of ex-miners whose health suffered through working underground stand to receive up to £30 a week in extra benefits following a government decision last night. Social Secu-rity Secretary Peter Lilley announced changes to the Industrial injuries scheme which will benefit thousands of ex-miners suffering from chronic bronchitis, and hundreds of workers affected by asbestos-related disea

Changes to the injuries scheme recommended by an advisory council have been accepted, making it easier for sufferers to qualify for benefits. About 8,000 "industrially disabled" people are expected to gain from the changes, Mr Lilley said. The TUC estimated that ex-miners could get up to £90 a week each in extra benefits when the changes come into force next April.

Hospital waiting up 45pc

treatment leaped by 45 per cent during the summer, official figures show. Every English health region reported a rise in long waits. Ministers have told health authorities and trusts they can let waiting times grow to give priority to urgent cases in the face of the toughest financial climate for the health service since the NHS market system was introduced in 1991.

The new provisional figures, for the end of September, show this starting to happen. The number of people in England who had been waiting more than a year rose from 10,396 at the end of June to 15,046. Twenty-six of them had been waiting more than 18 months, in breach of the Patient's Charter.

The overall waiting list grew 4,030 to 1,060,150, the number who had been walting less than year having fallen by 620.
John Horman, junior health minister, said the number waiting more than a year was still little over half the 27,900 in September



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Cambodia captive escape hopes high

Vivek Chaudhary and Nick Cumming-Bruce

HE family of a British mine clearance expert held by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in Camboguerrillas in Cambodia for the past eight months
said yesterday they were
waiting with "fingers
crossed" following reports
that he had escaped.

However, the Foreign
Office said it could not con-

firm whether Christopher Howes, aged 36, was free after conflicting reports on his fate According to some reports Mr Howes, who was abducted in March with his interpreter Houn Hourth, escaped from a Pol Pot base this month with the help of rebel guards.

Other reports suggest that he was freed on Wednesday in a deal between the Cambo-dian government and his captors. Both men were working for the British-based charity Mines Advisory Group, helping

Mr Howes's father Roy, aged 68, who met Foreign office officals yesterday, said:
"Our feelings, if this is true,
are absolute relief and delight. But until I hear from the Foreign Office, I will unhappily regard it as rumour."

Mr Howes's mother Betty,

aged 69, added: "Fingers crossed that the reports are true. We have had so many false rumours it is difficult to believe anything."

A FO spokesman added:
"These reports are coming from a number of Cambodian sources but there have been

reports in the past that have not been reliable.

"We are doing everything possible to establish if Mr Howes is now free or not." According to Lt-Gen Nhek Bunchhay, Cambodia's armed forces deputy chief of staff, Mr Howes and his interpreter escaped from a Khmer Rouge base near the Thai border on

their guards and guerrilla de-fectors. They are thought to have reached a governmentcontrolled village and should reach the capital today.

Gen Bunchhay said both men were "weak and very thin", and claimed he had spoken to his troops now looking after them. He said

Mr Howes had a handcuff on one wrist and had had to make mines for the Khmer Rouge during his captivity. Mr Howes, a Falklands vet-eran and former Royal Engi-neer, had been working for MAG for three years and had also supervised mine clearing

operations in northern Iraq.

A MAG spokeswoman said: We have still not been able to confirm any reports."
In August, the Bangko Post newspaper claimed Mr. Howes had been killed and Mr. Hourth died of malaria. But last month a breakaway Khmer Rouge commander said Mr Howes was still alive



Christopher Howes, who is thought to have escaped the Khmer Rouge PHOTOGRAPH: ROSS PARKS

'Match box' watch on offenders Scientists scent

Alan Travis on uncompleted trials of technology to monitor curfews

THE Prime Minister has decided to press ahead with legislation for electagging to enforce curiews for children as youn 10, even though the official trials for adults have yet to finish.

months ago to extend tagging trials in Manchester, Norfolk, and Reading until March next year because there were too few cases to ensure the results were conclusive. Magistrates were reluctant to use the experimental orders.

Experience of tagging in the United States has been mixed. Washington violations of the Corrections Department programme became so frequent that officials simply ignored them. In one case they only learned that one of their tagged clients had been mur-dered two weeks previously by reading about it in

In the British trials, run by two private companies, Secur-lcor Custodial Services and Geografix, some 220 offenders have been given curfew orders since July 1995. In 90 tagged, and in 98 others the



orders have been completed. In 27 cases the curfews were breached and the offender returned to court. Three orders were quashed on ap-peal, and two were declared vold.

fenders were women, and 20 were boys aged 17 or 18. No official assessment of the trials has yet been published. The Home Office minister, David Maclean, said yester day that tagging orders for of-fenders aged 10 to 15 would

apply in the same way as for adults, with a curiews lasting between two and 12 hours. But for children the order would last for a maximum three months rather than six, and the courts would have to consider the family's circumstances and the impact a cur-few order would have. Geografix, which is run-

ning the trials in Norfolk, claims to have pioneered the firm's managing director Charles Rose, described the tag, which is worn for the duration of the order. "It is 2 inches by 1 inch, about the size of a match box, and is strapped either to the wrist or ankle. It is small enough to be worn by a child, as the strap can be cut to fit." The tag sends an electronic

signal to be picked up by a monitoring unit, essentially a black box, in the home. The box records that the offender is present during the curfew if there is no signal, the box transmits a warning by phone to the control centre. The box will also register a "tamper alert" if the offender tries to remove the tag or damage it. if the offender does not have a telephone, the court can order a call-barred phone to be

Mr Rose said the system could also be used in schools although the person tagged might have to check into a particular room at set time

'missing' mass

Tim Radford

CHENTISTS using an Sultraviolet telescope orbiting through space suspect they may be on the track of the missing They have detected radiation from a vast, thick cloud of gas in a cluster of galaxies 300 million light years away. The mass of the gas is, they calculate, that of 10 million million Suns. This gas alone, they report today, could help resolve a long-standing

problem of galactic clus-ters: that they do not seem to be massive enough to behave the way they do. Up to 90 per cent of their mass is "missing". Missing mass, or dark matter, has kept astronomers happy for years. The behaviour of the 100 billion

galaxies in the visible universe, each containing 100 billion stars, can only be explained if the galaxies are up to 100 times heavier than the stars that shine in them. Scientists have proposed theoretical space monsters like cosmic is there in the form of ordistring, or undetectable particles called wimps, to explain the discrepancy.

Others have favoured a universe riddled with black holes or "brown dwarves", stars too small to catch fire. But Stuart Bowyer of the University of California and Richard Lieu of the University of Alabama report today in the US jourthe Extreme Ultraviolet Explorer satellite's telescope to detect awesome levels of "cool" gas in the Coma cluster. Cool is a relative

term: its temperature is be-tween 800,000 and 2 million Celsius. The cloud stretche across 2.6 million light years. The discovery raises big questions. Why is the gas there? Why doesn't it beat up or cool down? "It's right but unexplainable," said Professor Bowyer. "It's up to the theorists to explain

where this gas comes from and where it is going." The gas provides some of the mass to account for the gravitational glue that binds a cluster. There may be a lot more gas. The researchers are about to turn the telescope on other

clusters to see. "Perhaps the missing mass

found 80 per cent of the pa-

Inquest told police pounced on black man 'like dogs on a cat'

yesterday. Susan Price, an eyewitness, said she didn't know how many blows hit Wayne Douglas. a suspected burglar caught by police in a south London park. "But it seemed to go on for ages. He was screaming... I was very dis-tressed at what was

Suddenly his cries stopped she said, and minutes later she heard the handcuffed 25year-old whimpering as he was carried unmoving out of a children's park in Brixton. man, was then thrown face down into a police van.

"There was nothing that man was doing that justified him being treated in that way." Ms Price told the jury at Southwark crown court. south London, on the fourth day of the inquest into Mr Douglas's death just over an hour after his arrest on December 5 last year.
She recalled that she had

BLACK man who later i night and suddenly heard Added in custody was shouting and the noise of shouting and the noise of people running outside. She police officers pounced on said someone called out said someone called out "black bastard", and when him "like dogs getting hold of "black bastard", and when a cat" and hit him repeatedly with their heavy batons, an inquest jury was told with police.

She then saw a black man in the park illuminated by police torches. "His right hand was holding something up in the air. It was wooden but I couldn't tell exactly what he was holding. I could hear police shouting 'drop the weapon'," she said. Ms Price was referred to

earlier evidence by police officers that Mr Douglas had been armed with a kitchen knife. However, she said she was certain she never saw anything glinting. She said she then saw Mr

Douglas edging deeper into the park, as up to 15 police in the road repeatedly shouted that if he dropped his weapon he would not get hurt. Suddenly two officers entered the park and moved towards him. "I could see the black man was shaking. He looked terrified ... He was not showing or doing anything of an ag-

At that point Ms Price burst into tears as she said: "He been unable to sleep that dropped the wooden object.



Wayne Douglas: 'screaming'

As soon as he did other police officers stormed into the park The black man stepped back a couple of paces. Before those officers were on to him, the two already in the park reached him first

"I can only describe it as when dogs get hold of a cat ... I could hear him screaming not words, just screaming. He was being struck by the police officers with their batons. They were long and black like you see on television and in American movies." She added: "The police offi-

cers were hitting him in hammering type action. ton blows hitting his body." A couple of weeks after the incident Ms Price, who was pregnant, spent several hours giving a lengthy statement to police officers. The stress caused her to go into labour early and four days later she er twins. Ms Price later told the inquest the officer who took her

statement was "very rude" and had not included every thing she had told him. Another local resident, Donna Sharpe, said the first she heard that night was somebody shouting the words black bastard". That was fol-

lowed by "the voice of a black man screaming for his life". She went on: "I thought at the end of the day the guy was not going to survive. I just thought that guy was dead."

She told the jury that at first she believed it was a race attack, and considered colling attack, and considered colling. attack, and considered calling the police until she realised they were already there.

She said that when Mr Douglas was carried out of the park and put in a police van up to 10 officers followed "laughing" as they went to various cars.
The hearing continues.

injure patients and staff

Million accidents a year

ORE than 1 million people a year are injured in accidents in NHS hospitals, three quarters of them pa-tients, says the National Audit Office in a report published today.

Arrangements in many hos-pitals do not comply with the bealth and safety laws, and a failure by top management of health trusts to take safety matters seriously is costing the NHS some £150 million a year, says the report. At least £30 million a year is being paid out in compensation to injured patients and staff. The highest recorded payment was more than

£345,000 to a nurse who injured her back. Some 2,700 NHS staff retired early in 1994/95 due to injuries and illness, their average age was 46, and their early retirement will cost an additional 271 million to the NHS pension fund over 25 years. Every day 1,000 nurses are off work due to work inju-

The auditors visited 30 NHS trusts around England. Only 13 had good incident recording systems; the remaining 17 had serious defects and two of them had no system at all.

tient injuries were caused by slips, trips, and falls. For staff, the main categories were injuries with needles and scalpels, back injuries, and assaults by patients or

The inquiry is the first inside hospitals since the lifting in 1988 of Crown Immunity, which exempted hospitals from health and safety legislation. Since then, there have been 34 successful prosecu-tions of NHS trusts. In one four-month period at the end of last year, 68 enforcement notices were issued for breaches of health and safety

regulations. The report calls for a raft of measures to prevent patients from being injured and to comply with health and safety

Health unions yesterday welcomed the report. John Richards, assistant national secretary of Unison, the public sector union, said: "Pa-tients come into hospital to get better, not to get injured. We have been pressing for years for bosnitals just to imlement the regulations, yet this report shows that new ru-les ... have not been implemented by many trusts."

Health and Safety in NHS Acute Hospital Trusts in England. An analysis of those accidents that were recorded Auditor General HMSO, £8.95.

Seven tough c

Halting of tunnel shuttles urged as fire facts emerge

Keith Harper and Alex Duval Smith In Paris

Consumers Association last night repeated its call for the suspension of Eurotunnel's licence to run tourist shuttle trains through the Channel Tunnel after the company admitted that it was forced by Monday's emergency to fall back on its third, last-ditch, option for coping

Eurotunnel's operations di-rector, Alain Bertrand, said the evacuation of passengers had worked in textbook fashion and the incident had been managed in accordance with

procedures. But Colin Brown, the CA's deputy director of research, said: 'The more we hear as the week goes on, the more we realise that safety systems failed. All these failures must cast serious doubts on the assurances given about the safety of passenger shuttles. We repeat our demands for suspension of the licence of the tourist shuttle trains."

In the first detailed account of the events which led to the shuttle being abandoned in mid-tunnel, Mr Bertrand confirmed two security guards at the train should keep going so that the blaze would be dealt smoke coming from one of the with in emergency sidings in lorries. They alerted the control centre, but by the time the driver was warned, he was two miles into the tunnel.

He was told to keep going to dard security procedure to clear the tunnel in the event



forced to stop 12 miles into the tunnel when the cab wagon had come adrift.

Mr Bertrand said that the first security plan was that the train should keep going so the open. The second option was to uncouple the affected parts of the train and get the rest out of the tunnel. But this could not be done because the fire caused a power failure. The third security option was then invoked. This in-

passengers to safety via central service tunnel This is pressurised, with doors every 375 metres, and is sealed from the effects of smoke or other pollution. Mr Bertrand said the driver responded correctly to the warning light. This indicated that the fold-down sections of

a loading wagon which en-ables lorries to drive on to the lattice work carriages were in the "down" position.

Mr Bertrand said that in such circumstances the train should stop because the sec-tions could hit tunnel equip-

He said the power failure prevented decoupling of the carriage where lorry drivers were eating. His explanation goes some way to answering the question as to wby smoke ntered the carriage. Mr Bertrand admitted that

the fire had been "very serious". At the time, the tunnel had contained two Eurostan trains, two tourist shuttles and two lorry shuttles.

French accident investiga

tors yesterday began examin-ing the shuttle carriage on which the fire is believed to have started in a lorry. But the state prosecutor oversee-ing the investigation refused to comment on speculation that an incendiary device had

Gérard Lesigne, state proc-urator in Boulogne-sur-Mer, said: "We have no chies as to the cause of the fire."

Eurotunnel confirmed that

it was entering a civil action over the incident — a move ry in France to bring private prosecution. A spokeswoman said: "We have spokeswoman said: "We have no evidence of foul play." Eurotumnel said its insur-ance would cover lost busi-ness and repairs to the 800 metres of tunneldamaged. But

the group will be liable to pay an excess believed to equal three or four days' business, likely to amount to between £41 million and £58 million. sailings by 50 per cent to 30 a day with the continued clo-



Brian Fell with his sculpture which commemorates merchant seamen who died in the second world war. Riveted and welded like the hull of a ship, the two-ton structure stands by Cardiff Bay

Stockman fined over deer deaths

'Seven tough questions' for editors in privacy clampdown

ORD Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Com-plaints Commission, last night launched an initiative to clamp down on invasions of privacy by newspapers, outlining seven "central and tough" questions that editors should ask before publishing a story that invaded some-

one's privacy.
The move followed Lord Wakeham's warning two months ago that "flimsy" undermining the effectiveness of press self-regulation.
Stories about the Princes

proved later to be a hoax — and an erroneous story link-ing Prince William with an aristocrat's daughter

prompted growing concern about invasion of privacy. Lord Wakeham, speaking at a club in London, said that 10 years ago invasions of the pri-vate lives of individuals were

"Today that is not the case: in fact the truth is that we are all the more shocked when such stories are printed simfrequent."

But self-regulation would not survive if newspapers turned a blind eye to unjusti-

"Down that route lies fines

of privacy."
Many MPs regard the pub lic interest defence as a loop-hole in the code. Lord Wake-ham said: "To me it is quite the opposite — it is the foundation stone on which a free press, with its ability to scrutinise those who exercise

power, is built.
"Crucially, if the public interest defence is brought into disrepute, if will in the long run be the public's right to know which will suffer."

The seven questions editors should ask were not diktats, being imposed by the commis-sion, but existing best prac-tice in the newspaper indus-

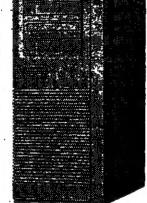
creasing involvement of the | whether the story is in the in-judiciary in setting standards | terests of public welfare or of public prurience.

If photographs taken by clandestine means are used, editors should ask whether the public interest requires their automatic publication or whether they are simply

was a genuine public interest, editors should consider whether there are ways to dis-close it which minimise the invasion into private lives and the impact on children and innocent relatives.

Earlier this week the commission announced the launch of Citizen's Charter style standards in handling

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Police and RSPCA inspec-tors who visited the deer farm in April found pits where about 400 deer had been buried. have been noticeable in two to four weeks, and an expe-rienced stockman would be expected to have taken action or sought advice.

Robert Jasper, aged 40, who managed the business for Galtee Deer Care of Cork in the Irish republic, was fined 2500 after pleading guilty to six charges of

DEER on an over-stocked Cornish farm died from parasitic disease and malnutrition,

Geoffrey Gibbs

told vesterday.

fering to deer.
Robert Lee, prosecuting, told the court that Tre-

September last year. In nated by parasites unless animals were regularly wormed. Lungworm and

gutworm infection would accelerate malnutrition. A vet who visited the farm said the effects would

Fining Jasper, magis-trates' chairman Ronnie Potts said he shared the view of the defendant's so-

licitor that he was not the only person who should be

moorland Farm, Cardin-ham, was overstocked in chief crime was allowing this situation to develop. these conditions pasture You cannot be excused would become contami- from not taking action which you obviously know you should have taken."

The court heard that the animals had died over a animais had med over a seven month period and that police and RSPA in-spectors found some of the live animals to be "notice-

ably thin". Mr Lee said Jasper told police his employer dis-couraged vets and claimed that the company would rather have an animal shot

The company did not appear to have been entirely blameless, Mr Lee said. Because of rent difficul-

chinery, preventing Jasper from feeding animals for

several days. He told police he kept strictly to a worming rou-tine but admitted that the farm was overstocked up to September last year.

He failed to call in a vet or seek advice "mainly be-cause he was in fear of losing his job", Mr Lee said.
"As a result deer continued
to suffer. They were dropping like flies."

Jasper, who pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to falsifying records relating to deer deaths, has since been employed as a stockman by the farm's new tenant, who described him as "extremely good".

Fear of crime greater abroad | Heritage minister asks Sir Jocelyn than in Britain, poll shows

RAR of crime is even worse in other countries than in Britain, according to the first international opinion poll on the issue.

The poll, carried out in March, shows that although a third of Britons feel unsafe walking in their own neighbourhood after dark, insecurity is even higher in other European member states and

other parts of the world.

In the former East Germany 60 per cent feel unsafe after nightfall, while in eastern Europe generally, Africa and Latin America, insecu-rity affects nearly half of all adults.

In Europe fears are highest among older people on low in-comes living in cities, and women are more afraid than men, although, as the report points out, statistically vomen are no more likely to be crime victims than men. Unemployed men feel more than twice as vulnerable as

The findings as far as the out by pollsters for the Euro-European Union member | pean Commission.

states are concerned show that 31 per cent of those questioned in Britain expressed fear of going out in the dark, compared with 34 per cent in former West Germany, 29 in France, 37 in Ireland and 39 in

Those in Scandinavian countries felt safest: only 11 per cent of Danes, 13 per cent of Finns and 19 per cent of Swedes felt endangered going

out in the evening.

Asked whether they had had personal exposure to drug related problems in the past 12 months, including seeing people taking drugs, seeing drug dealing taking place or discovering implements such as syringes, 14 per cent of those questioned in Britain

said they had. Similar percentages were registered in France and Germany, but much higher inci-dences came from the Netherlands (17), Portugal (19) and

Spain (24). Interviews with more than 16,000 people — at least 1,000 in each member state except Luxembourg — were carried

not to resign over cuts in funding

Heritage if the grants body suffered any further cuts in Tuesday's Budget, writes Maev Kennedy.

The Government's funding of English Heritage was cut by 5 per cent last year, to just over £107 million, and it has been warned to expect further cuts in real terms over the next four years.

If the cuts are sharper than predicted. Sir Jocelyn said the body would be unable to the body would be unable to henge, he could not stay on if meet its legal commitments to there were further cuts.

SIR Jocelyn Stevens yester-day threatened not to con-tinue as chairman of English | spending.

vited yesterday by the Heri-tage Secretary, Virginia Bot-tomley, to extend his term

when it expires in March "for at least another three years or longer if I have my way". Sir Jocelyn said he was surproposition", but warned that, though he would like to see through projects like the Albert Memorial and Stone-



"The first thing I did when i started therapy was chuck out 80 bags of shoes and clothes."

Boy George

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German and British differ to agree

German Question

ish relations does not quite make sense. Mad

cow panic, soccer wars, mu-tual tabloid abuse, rows over how to dispose of North Sea oil rigs and fundamental dif-

ferences about Europe's

future all point to a powerful

ugliness spilled over

lan Traynor reports, in the fifth of a series, on a poll showing

ain on the biggest contemporary issue: Europe.

According to Brussels' yearly Eurobarometer polling of a series, on a poll showing that despite an age-old enmity, the British and German people share the same view of Europe

N THE age of poll-driven politics, the no-love-lost-nature of German-Britcrew beaten up by English louts at Euro 96. German schoolgirls in London last summer reported regular verbal harassment on the tube, while this week's Goethe Institut survey of British schoolchildren suggests that stereotypical views of

Germany persist.
The trouble has usually started at the top: in the bad blood for instance, between

racist attacks in the Berlin | Thatcher, and her hostility to area and a German television | German reunification. The differences persist, in more diplomatic but nonethes fundamental form, in the sharply opposed governmen-tal views in Bonn and London on the future of Europe.

Yet such polarities are not reflected in the opinion polls. You would hardly know it from listening to the politicians in London or Bonn, but the sampling evidence indi-cates similar grass-roots

this year, one third of Germans and Britons are in favour of a single European

currency (34 and 32 per cent), while 43 per cent of Britons and 45 per cent of Germans think a single currency will bring disadvantages. Four out of five German expect to have the euro in their pocket by 2010, as do 72 per cent of Britons. If

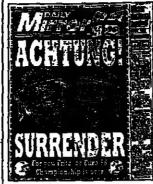
49 per cent of Germans favour a federal Europe, the British are not far behind at 45 per cent. The perception that either country has gained from EU membership is identical at 40 per cent, and sup-port in both countries for a "two-speed" Europe (35 and 84 per cent) and a European

for example, seem to trust the European Commission sub stantially more than the Germans (35-25) — and they are more optimistic than the Ger-mans about the EU single market (52-48) or the future

benefits of EU membership (41-33). regularly treated to anti-European broadsides from their politicians and media while the Germans are fed a strongly pro-EU diet at home, it is arguable that these findings show the British are more pro-EU than the

At a time when focus groups and spin doctors domi nate the political process, it is striking how little British pol-iticians seek to milk pro-EU

In certain areas the poll how under-represented the findings confound generally sizeable Euro-sceptic constituency is in Germany. ency is in Germany.
"There's no doubt that the



public will follow the politicians as long as they go ahead decisively," said a German fits of common European policy are evident, the Germans won't lack support for further European integration." He may be right. But he is

not backed by the opinion polls Regardless of party politics, there is no mainstream politician in Germany oppos ing Chancellor Helmut Kohl's European mission. Mr Kohl went so far last year as to de-nounce any such opposition as undemocratic. There is no Norman Lamont or Peter Shore in German politics.

The anti-EU punditry fa-

voured by parts of the main-stream British press is simi-larly absent, although doubts persist about the Euro-enthupersist about the influence of the influential publisher of the weekly Der Spiegel.

If the likes of Austria's Jörg

Striking lorry

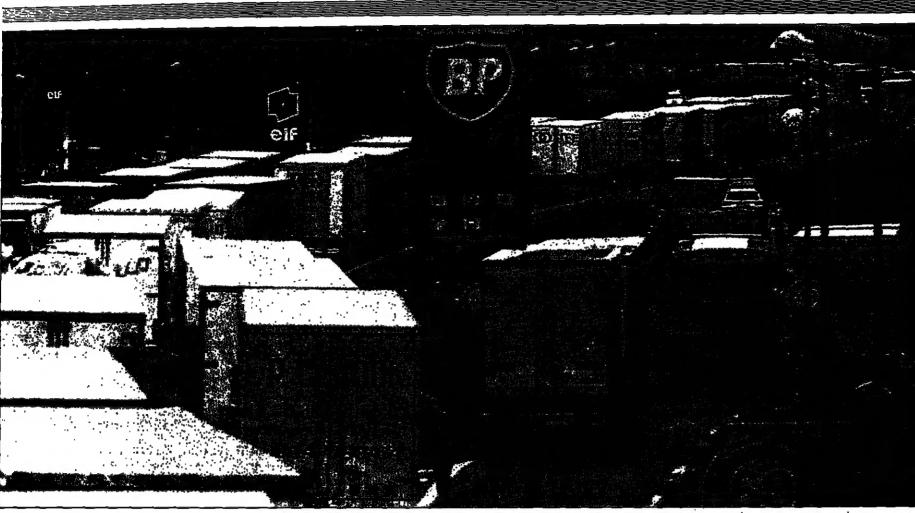
drivers cause

Haider surfaced in Germany campaigning on an anti-

official. "As soon as the bene- | Maastricht ticket, those who see the Germans as Euro-zeal-ots might be in for a shock.

The same effect is less likely in Britain because Euro-scepticism is integrated into the two big parties and the impact of the Haider equivalent in Britain — say James Goldsmith — is therefore confined to the fringes. No political leader will risk embracing that constituency during an election campaign. The British and German public may have more in com-mon than is generally believed. But for once, the power of the opinion poll is less than tyrannical.

Tomorrow: In the final article, on the Comment page, Martin Woollacott sums up Germany's



Striking drivers use their lorries to block the motorway leading into Bordeaux yesterday, causing petrol shortages in northern France

their campaign, despite a gov-ernment offer to mediate with

began negotiations yesterday

but chances of a swift deal

appear alim.

The protest began on November 7 with a call for a reduction in fuel taxes. When

petrol drought

Alex Dural Smith in Paris

ERENCH supermarkets and petrol stations are expected to run out of supplies today as lorry drivers calling for better working conditions mount working conditions mount their fifth day of roadblocks. Traffic chaos, including tailbacks of up to 15 miles, was reported throughout France yesterday when more than 10,000 lorry drivers using CB radios drove at snail's pace and blocked the entrances to cities.

The drivers are calling for a reduction in working hours and retirement at 55. They have threatened to step up that the control of the contro

their employers. Unions and employers

the government agreed to the

But on Monday drivers began a blocksde of petro-leum facilities in Bordeaux. This, in combination with lightning tactics to block motorways throughout the week, was reported yesterday to be causing petrol shortages in northern France.

The drivers are protesting against their employers' failure to respect an agreement in 1994 to gradually reduce their working month to 230

They have now incressed their demands and are seek-ing payment for the time they spend waiting for goods to be loaded, and retirement at 55. One driver taking part in the Bordeaux blockade yesterday described his working conditions to the Liberation

newspaper. Jacky, aged 38, said: "I have been criss-crossing Europe for 21 years, with 40 tonnes on my back and two square metres to live in it is my life,

Jacky said he earnt 7,200 for up to 240 hours worked.



Thomas

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Paedophile accusations against Belgium's deputy PM are shaky

PHOTOGRAPH: REGIS DUVIGNAU | action would end.

LLEGATIONS that the Belgian deputy prime minister, Elio di Rupo, procured sex with under-age boys began to disintegrate last night as the sole witness against him was discredited

The parliamentary commission set up to study the police evidence against Mr Di Rupo and decide whether his immunity from prosecution should be lifted gave the prosecuting authorities three weeks to come up with more substantial evidence before deputies are asked to vote on

his future Serge Moureaux, a commission member, emerged from a 16-hour meeting saying. "It

It has emerged that the alle-

gations against Mr Di Rupo have come entirely from Olivier Trusgnach, a 22-year-old waiter who confessed to the police when he was accused of stealing from his

mployer. Mr Trusgnach — who reportedly likes to call him-self the Pink Baron and sign his name with a title - was described by his mother yes-terday as a fantasist.

His statements looked flimsy under examination, and Mr Di Rupo's friends said they could prove he had never met the waiter. Recrimination and anger

has been directed against the authorities since the discov-ery of a paedophile gang and the murdered bodies of four young girls three months ago. For the first time yesterday there were calls for the witchhunt to stop. The media began to divide on regional lines, the French-language newspapers generally supported the Francophone Mr Di Rupo against the Flemish media, which has led the allegations against him.

Amid suggestions that the

allegations had been leaked by police angered at public the paedophile case, a Flem-ish journalist said last night: "There is racism — because Di Rupo has Italian ancestry

 homophobia, anti-social-ism and political infighting behind this. It is a boomerang against the public prosecu-tor's office."

Marie-France Botte, a campaigner against child abuse, told reporters: "Things have gone too far. We have entered into a climate of incrimina-tion where everyone de-nounces each other. People are using the paedophile problem to settle scores." Mrs Botte said her organi-sation had received hundreds

of letters denouncing individ-uals since the paedophile scandal erupted.

It remains far from certain that Mr Di Rupo and Jean-Luc Dehaene's government will survive.
In his first public comment on the affair, Mr Dehaene said last night: "In view of the state of the judicial procedure

state of the publican proceeding it would be premature at this stage to take a political deci-sion and [Mr Di Rupo] retains my confidence." The prime minister has pri-

vately warned his coalition pariners and his own beck-benchers of the likelihood of a disastrous election if his dep-

my goes down.

Mr Di Rupo, aged 45, the senior Socialist in the coalition, has denied the allegations, but has acknowledged that he is a because of the senior senior of the seni that he is a homosexual. He said: "It is a true witch-hunt — McCarthyism of the worst kind."

INE BODYGU

Uproar over 'closed' radio station

N ATTEMPT to close Crostia's last indepen-dent radio station apears to have been rescinded after triggering some of the biggest demonstrations since independence. A day after closing Radio

101 with the intention of awarding its frequency to a rival, the government's said yeserday that it could continue for the time being. News of the closure joited Croatia's normally placid political scene. An estinated 6,000 listeners took to the streets in protest on Wednesday night, sup-ported by the massed horns of Zagreb's taxi drivers. A bigger protest, by war

veterans, was expected last night in the city's central In London the Foreign Office issued a protest, saying: "This step is inconsistent with Croatia's commitment to the international

in connection with its accession to the Council of Europe We urge the Croatian authorities to reconsider the decision. Croatia was admitted to the Council of Europe (a body intended to promote civil liberties) in October,

on condition that the government improved its human rights record. In recent months the broadcasting authorities have closed down two pro-vincial radio stations, in Varazdin and Istria, leaving Radio 101 as the last bastion of non-government

broadcasting.

Nino Pavic, owner of Radio 101's would-be replacement, Globus Radio 101, said he would renounce his claim to the franchise and the fre-

quency. Mr Pavic is closely linked to the governing Croatian Democratic Union (HUZ).

Ziatko Canjuga, an HUZ leader in Zagreb, also appeared to be climbing peared to be climbing down. He said last night:
"If the decision was made."

Radio 101's director, Silvio Vrbanac, went live on air to declare: "This is a shame, this is the begin-ning of a dictatorship."

But later he said he had been assured by several cabinet members, including the minister of justice, that the decision would be

Mr Vrbanac accused the Telecommunications Council of reaching a secret deal with Globus. "Now they've realised it can't work," he said. The attempt to silence Radio 101 appears to have been prompted by HDZ hardliners close to President Franjo Tudjman. One of them, Ivica Pasalic, criti-cised the station for being "too politicised".

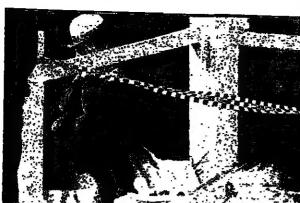
• Ante Masle, a journalist for a Croatian newspaper, was injured on Wednesday when an unknown man shot at his car in Dubrovnik, according to the ministry of internal affairs.

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A loner who killed to be noticed Missing cash

was ignored, say EU auditors



'Perhaps we

should see him as

a freak of nature, a

He travelled the world in the

been his only recent friend.

live-in companion in 1990. Two year later she died in a

His father, Maurice, the other main influence in Bry-

natural disaster

ASMANIAN MPs voted yesterday to strip the mass murderer Martin Bryant of his wealth, on the eve of the state supreme court's sentencing him for shooting 35 people at a tourist resort on the island in April.

His assets, worth up to distressed and disturbed young man. He was not mentally ill," Mr Avery said, up the tried to strike up conversations with strangers, but became "emraged by the frequency with which people would move away from him", said Mr Avery, cuoting from said Mr Avery cuoting from said His assets, worth up to £500,000, are to be sold and the proceeds used to compensate the survivors and bereaved families of the shooting spree

tamilies of the shooting spree at Port Arthur, near Hobart.

The prosecution and defence have agreed that Bryant, who has confessed to the murders after initially pleading not guilty, should be jailed for life.

The court heard that the massacre had shattered the lives of those left behind: the survivors and the relatives suffered suicidal urges, de-pression, anxiety attacks and nightmares. Many had seen relationships break down. The prosecution added that

some of the 19 wounded had undergone repeated surgery. His lawyer, John Avery, said Bryant, aged 29, was resigned to spending the rest of his life in prison. Australia does not have the death

penalty. He said Bryant had made him swear not to divulge his motive for the attack.

"He knows fully why he did it and what he did, and he has disclosed that to me," he said in a radio interview yesterday. "I am not at liberty to divulge that of course without his express instructions." In a detailed biography presented to the court, Bryant emerged August 1993, the court heard. as a man without friends and of severely limited intellistanted making regular trips some natural disaster, rather than some malicious human gence. "Bryant was clearly a to Europe, Asia and the being."—Retter.

A court profile of Martin Bryant, sentenced today for the camage in Tasmania, offers clues he refuses to give, reports Mark Bendeich

put him in the lowest 2 per cent of the population, and he

was verging on mental dis-ability, the report said. the report. "He became increasingly unhappy and angry at not having any friends."

Bryant began to dwell on his life-long feelings of rejection and, about a year ago, decided that, in his words, he had "had expected." He also suffered from Asperger's syndrome, a per-sonality disorder not unlike autism which affects 3 per cent of the population. Bryant grew up in the Tas-manian capital Hobart, the only child of a dock worker

had "had enough". He contemplated suicide, then the idea of a murderous rampage formed in his mind. He chose for the massacre the ruins of Port Arthur, a convict settlement where some of Australia's most brutal colo-nial history was written. Despite finding a girlfriend in the months before the

ttack, his mind was made up. He is quoted as saying: "It and his wife. He left school at was set in my mind ... I wasn't worried about losing 15, and never took a full-time my property or never [seeing] my girlfriend again. It was just in my mind to go down ... and kill a lot of people." past few years, using money bequeathed by an eccentric middle-aged woman who had

Asked why he chose Port Arthur, he said: "It must be the most violent place in Aus-Helen Harvey employed him to do odd jobs in the late 1980s and took him in as a tralia. It seemed the right place." A prosecution psychiatrist, Ian Sale, said: "I think he is basically wired up badly ... I think he has always been that

way, something of a child in a

man's body. "Perhaps people should see him as some freak of nature,



Martin Bryant, the gumman who murdered 35 people, is to be stripped of his wealth to compensate survivors. Top left, a policewoman weeps at the site of the massacre in April

Stephen Bates in Brussels

FFICIAL auditors have censured the European Commission for allowing serious spending irregu-larities in its tourism unit: one of the biggest corruption scandals to have hit the

Members of the unit have been accused of siphoning off funds by demanding kick-backs from tourist boards in return for grants from its 55 million annual budget.

A report by the Luxem-bourg-based court of auditors, the European Union's finan-cial watchdog, concluded that the commission had been slow to act: it had delayed in tackling the officials involved and in recovering the money and in recovering the money from them.

It added that there were "serious irregularities . . . and shortcomings" in the allocation of finances by the unit and found that there were problems with up to 40 per cent of contracts awarded in a three-year period.

The money involved was earmarked for a series of pilot projects and studies on improving potential tourist

The Irish and French tourist boards are believed to have complained when they were asked for kickbacks of 10 per cent of their funding public funds".

before being considered favourably for help with

rojects. George Tzoanos, the Greek George Tzoanos, the Greek former head of the unit, is in a Brussels prison and his wife is on bail in Greece. Pascal Chatilion, a French former temporary official with the unit, is on bail in France while the authorities decide whether to prosecute.

Heinrich von Moltke, the German who headed the department responsible for tour-ism, will take early retirement at the end of the month. It took him more than a year to call in the commission's financial control unit when allegations of irregularities were drawn to his attention.

The commission has so far refused to lift the diplomatic immunity he will enjoy in retirement so he can be questioned by Belgian police investigators. It says lifting his immunity would be "premature". The commission has also not acceded to requests made in the summer for police to interview two other senior figures, including the British former acting head of the unit, Alan Mayhew, who is

now retired.
Yesterday Edward McMillan-Scott, the British Conservative MEP who has led calls

Europe set to snub Belarus as fears for freedom grow

John Palmer in Brussels

THE European Union is poised to abandon plans alarmed at the speed with which the former Soviet republic is reverting to au-thoritarian rule.

It had hoped to negotiate an agreement with Belarus which, although it would not open the way to full EU membership, would eventu-ally lead to a free trade area with western Europe. But Belarus has repeat-edly been condemned for

the authoritarian stance of

Lukashenko, who is locked in a deepening confrontation with his critics in Parliament over his plans to expand his already extensive powers.

EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels on Monday are likely to jetti-son the proposed agreement.
"The situation in Belarus

is becoming extremely seri-ous, and it is certain that the EU will have to react if Lukashenko takes the country further back from democracy to full-scale authoritarian rule," a Euro-pean Commission official

agains e shaky:



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Bosses and workers unite

Government should listen to what they are saying

another, giving the Government an excuse to ignore both of them and carry on doing something completely different. When, therefore, the TUC and the CBI both agree on a crucial policy the Government has a duty to at least give it serious consideration.

After years of confrontational politics, the CBI and the TUC have recently been sidling up to each other. Marriage is hardly in the air but they are certainly starting to date one other. The TUC started it two years ago when its new reconstructionist general secregeneral of the CBI to address its annual conference for the first time. This year the CBI repaid the favour and asked Mr suggest that the two organisations put joint proposals to the Government in areas where there was mutual agreehad been put on hold. Yesterday what may be the first fruits of the new rapport emerged when Kate Barker, chief economist at the Confederation of British Industry, and Mr Monks urged the Government to leave the personal tax rate unchanged in the budget.

When lobbies of any kind stretch their muscles to demand policies (like abolition of estate duty on the employers side or demands for a wealth taxfrom the unions) that are patently in their self-interest the Government has a duty to voters not to be bullied into submission. But it is a completely dif-ferent situation when the two sides of industry are arguing for something which appears to go against their selfinterest. In asking that taxes should not be cut, they are both for once putting what they perceive to be the welfare of the economy at large ahead of their own material instincts.

Coincidentally yesterday, the Liberal-

IT USED to be the case that the bosses | Democrats were calling for more hones-said one thing and the unions said | ty in politics. Paddy Ashdown accused the main two parties of engaging in "an absolutely puerile, pathetic, infantile" debate on tax. Spot on. The Lib-Dems, to their credit, have called for increases in taxation to fund an expansion in education. They have also promised to vote against budget cuts in income tax and believe in any case that whoever wins the election will have to reverse them pretty soon afterwards.

Labour, for its part, has the appear ance of a frightened rabbit caught in the Tory headlights as it tries desperately to deny the Conservatives any new reconstructionist general activities and the care and the care of the CBI to address its annual party of higher taxation. The main exception remains Labour's plans to levy a windfall tax on the utilities to Monks who took the opportunity to fund employment measures for the young. This was debated in the Commons yesterday, unusually, as a Goverument motion criticising opposition ment. It was almost as if the class war | policy. It is almost as if in the midst of election fever the Government thinks it is already the opposition.

This debate produced its own help-ings of election double-speak, not least when John Major warned that a tax on the utilities would frighten away foreign investment. Has he not noticed that American companies are in the process of buying up more than half of Britain's electricity utilities notwithstanding the windfall tax in the

Honesty in politics won't be re-established overnight. But even at this late stage, the Chancellor ought to take very seriously the joint request of the CBI and the TUC, backed by the Lib-Dems (and by most Labour and Tory voters if opinion polls are to be believed) that on this occasion tax cuts are not what the economy needs. For once the needs of the country should be put above misplaced political agendas. Who are they supposed to be governing for?



Letters to the Editor

In league against the tables

ers did not welcome the GCSE and A-level performance tables, we have learned to work with them (Exam results below target, November 20). There is a problem, however. Unlike the Football League Tables, published regularly in the newspapers and elsewhere, they do not reflect the most up-to-date information.

During early September this school made appeals to three exam boards concerning the results of several pu-pils who had received a grade below that expected by their teachers. The results of these appeals have gradually been returned to the school, the final ones arriving by fax on November 15, over two months after the request for a re-marking was made. Sev-eral pupils have had their eral pupils have had their grades revised upwards, but, despite telephone calls and faxes to the DFEE, we have been informed that there is no possibility of the school's results being corrected when they are published in the national newspapers.

The overall effect

school's results is not large (the percentage of pupils achieving five or more higher grades has increased from 60 to their use.

the Government continues to per cent to 61 per cent; but | Employers notice the existing the second time in tence of the tables, and regard choice" within the state sec-

ughter and thus life im-

prisonment (Letter, November

now agreed to re-mark the papers of all the candidates close to a grade boundary, so the changes may become more significant. A number of schools are likely to be in a

similar position. A more worrying point is have worrying point is that the pupils concerned have, in some cases, been planning to resit the exams where the grade awarded for GCSE in August was a D. These students have wasted in program students have wasted. important studying time over a two-month period revising for an exam they no longer

need to sit.
Surely there is a need for the Secretary of State for Education & Employment to impose a quality control on the examination boards concerning the re-marking of candi-dates' scripts after appeals from schools? Pam Miles. Deputy Headteacher. Behunt Community School,

Longmoor Road. Liphook, Hants GU30 7NY. THE annual debate sur-

Labour Party are committed

Both the Government and the

LTHOUGH many teach-ers did not welcome the been in this position. Further-annual publication of more, one of the boards has interview. But recruiters are lised traditions, increasingly looking beyond "knowledge" at skills, capa-bilities and experience.

What we need are tables which highlight vocational achievements as well as GCSEs. The sooner we incor porate skill acquisition into all A level and GCSE gradings the better. This will bring them into line with GNVQ requirements, and make league tables a far more useful guide for employers and

Roger Opie. Head of Educational Services. The Industrial Society, 48 Bryanston Square, London W1H 7LN.

THE league tables illustrate how some community-run Muslim schools across the country are gaining good results on a fraction of the resources given to state

It is, therefore, sad that the Government does not give any encouragement to our schools, has refused to meet rounding school league with us to discuss the educates were 20 pages of league tables. tables has become pointless. the tables has become pointless. refused all applications for state funding. Meanwhile,

Ibrahim Hewitt

Development Officer. Association of Muslim 88 Sparkenhoe Street, Leicester LE2 0TA.

OLITICIANS need a lesson in basic statistics: each time the SATS results are published they wring their hands over the number of children failing to reach the set target. Tests are de-signed so that the average candidate achieves the target, meaning that many will exceed it and many fall short. If all candidates reached the target, then it is too low. An important aspect of test design is to ensure it reflects the expected range of achievement.

Anne R Wilder. 30 Nevilledale Terrace, Durham City DH1 4QG.

THE front page of my events. In ver instances these ever good is your school?" So I worst, unsubstanti bought the paper and looked inside but all I could find lower levels than the paper while the school of the paper while the school of the good our children's schools are?

Dennis Charman. 62 Cobbold Road, London W12 9LW.

On bar codes

WE too condemn abuse by barristers of the legal-aid

system (Leader, November

That is why we worked with ministers and officials to

deliver a scheme — to be im-

plemented in January 1997 —

which will help control the

cost of criminal legal aid and

provide fair remuneration for barristers and solicitors.

Not so the Government's proposals for civil standard

fees. They rely on inadequate data, ignore the Govern-

ment's own research and

were produced with little or

no consultation. They are in-

flexible and will render civil legal-aid work uneconomic

for senior practitioners, with potentially serious conse-

The proposals are geared to lead to fewer settlements and more trials. They will not

lead to better access to justice and are profoundly against

the public interest.

David Penry-Davey QC.

Chairman, General Council of the Bar.

Side effects of the Pill scare

THE news that the pill scare of late last year has led to 40,000 extra abortions prompts us to express our concern about the gross flaws in the workings of the Com-mittee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) and the Medicines Control Agency (MCA). These bodies are constituted to minimise the dangers new drugs pose to the public, but, via erroneous logic and weak scien-tific reasoning, achieve the reverse and compromise pub-

lic safety.

The nub of the problem is the scientific discipline (so-called) of pharmacovigilance and the practice of post-marketing surveillance of newer drugs. In most instances new drugs have already undergone rigorous comparisons of usefulness and safety with older and less safe drugs, during clinical trials of large numbers of patients. The sub-sequent surveillance exercise involves the reporting of individual suspected adverse events. In very many instances these events are, at worst, unsubstantiated and, at best, occurring at much

prior generations of drugs. Thus valuable new drugs are, without sufficient justification, often withdrawn by the CSM, or, like the pill scare, become the subject of lay panic. Public safety is put at risk, either by being left with older and less safe drugs or by having to resort to alter-native practices like abortion.

We believe there should be an urgent review of the chair-manship of these agencies and the scientific training of the civil servants who run

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From Essex man

As one born a (south) "man of Essex" when the term had a proud connotation, and who agrees with John Tusa (Letters, November 21) on the unsung wonders of its south, I venture to protest against David McKie's notional sepa-ratism. What Deprive us of Epping Forest and place mag-nificent Stansted across the border? Just as I see Scotland as our common heritage, so I'll stand to preserve the Union of Essex (viewed from my win-dow here close to Kent). Fred Emery.

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A Country Diary GLOUCESTERSHIRE: As we shirth outdoor exercise, or slip gently from autumn into winter and begin to complain about the cold it is a useful atic. Black bear and elk apcorrective to be reminded of climates which offer a serious winter. Our mid-European coastal climate, although it can sometimes surprise with extremes, is really only remarkable for low winter light levels - and that's a function of our position on the top quarter of Spaceship Earth. An airmail letter from Canada, postmarked Saska-toon, which arrived last week served to remind me of this. Under the heading A Voice from the Wilderness, Stan Bishop, a resident of Tisdale (there are not many) wrote to thank me for advice I had given him on building a fox resistant A-frame chicken house. He had not yet built one but included in his letter some notes on preparing for the Canadian winter which, as he observed, had already started, with overnight tem-

atic. Black bear and elk appear in his field and coyotes are numerous so his worry about having a fox-free henhouse may be ignoring even bigger threats, never mind the winter cold. Beavers and muskrais are in the slough and overhead recently passed the wildfowl migration on their route southwards. He notes red-tailed hawks. ravens, Brewer's Blackbird, and a snowy owl. The summer had seen a golden eagle, a northern goshawk and an osprey. The extremes of this continental climate also give summer heat and dramatic electrical storms, one of which dropped four inches of rain in 12 hours. The north-ern lights had been showing since mid-October but it was preparing for intense cold which dominated Stan's agenda. The dog, of its own choice, sleeps outside. He cannot risk bathling her — if she peratures of -15C. Stan and his dog were still hurrying to get the house fit for up-coming overnight falls to -40c in

Look before you lock-out

Exclusion from school promotes a cycle of criminality

examine exclusion policy, or teaching stroppy and disruptive children day after day within them? Teachers' leaders were angry yesterday with the latest report from school inspectors on the exclusion policy of secondary schools. The normally self-controlled David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, dismissed the report for its "banal comments" and called on the Chief Inspector to "come down from his ivory tower and recognise the very real problems posed for schools by the increasing number of disaffected pupils in their midst." The teachers have much to feel aggrieved about: the squeeze on school resources, rising pupil-teacher ratios, and the increasing number of children with serious behavioural problems. They are right to complain about a society which unfairly places responsibility for dealing with seriously disturbed children on teachers' shoulders, while the people responsible for much of the social disintegration - ministers, politicians, parents - become smug armchair critics of their performance. There is a limit to what schools can do in repairing a tattered, divided and deeply unequal society.

Yet the inspectors are right to take exclusion seriously. Doubters should read yesterday's Audit Commission part which school exclusions play in

WHICH is easier: visiting 39 schools to excluded secondary pupils return to mainstream education. Over 40 per cent of offenders sentenced in youth courts have been excluded from school. Young people who are excluded are more likely to offend - about three times as likely as the non excluded. In the four years to 1995, exclusions increased phenomenally — almost fourfold to 11,000. They end up spending most of their waking hours with little to do - and with "few positive goals to work for". Is it any wonder three quarters of excluded pupils offend, compared to a mere third of the non-excluded? All this is documented by the Audit Commission in its devastating report, not by the

Beneath the headlines, the latest inspectors' report is not all bad news. It was the Chief Inspector who rightly observed most schools are safe places much safer than streets or football grounds. Like the Audit Commission. the inspectors found good practice as well as poor. Effective schools generate a positive ethos, clear rules on behaviour with clear guidelines on what will happen if they are broken, plus rewards as well as sanctions. They provide good pastoral support and are ready to adjust the curriculum for difficult pupils. The best local authorities are providing more training in behaviour management and more support services for report on juvenile offenders and the seriously disruptive pupils. The challenge is as old as public administration: the cycle of criminality. Only a small persuading poor practitioners to adopt proportion — as low as 15 per cent — of the approach of the best.

The supreme bond of parenthood

inspectors.

Transsexuals should have the same rights as everyone else

share of the assets of the home on the break up of the partnership? The rejection of such a transsexual's claim in the Appeal Court yesterday does not establish a clear principle. The judges made it clear that their decision was based on the circumstances of the case. The judges recognised that although the limited rights of transsexuals under British law had escaped censure by the European Court of Human Rights last time round, strong "winds of change" were blowing. But in yesterday's case, their decision was strongly influenced by the deception of the transsexual in not disclosing her true gender. They were sympathetic to the plight of the transsexual - the psychiatric evidence from her early years, the nature of the disorder, the painful operations involved in removing her breasts, and her understandable reluctance to proceed

SHOULD a transsexual, who lives with | with perilous phalloplastic surgery. an heiress for 17 years, be entitled to a | They remained astonished that the heiress did not realise she was married to a female until a birth certificate was produced after 17 years, but accepted the heiress's testimony that she would not have married her groom if she had known her true gender. Clarification of property rights will have to await future cases, but there is a second set of rights not before yesterday's court which do need re-assessing: the right of the transsexual to maintain contact with her two children born from artificial insemination. Yesterday's claimant had already lost these at an earlier hearing because of the hostility of the heiress to such contacts. Such hostility should have no place in deciding whether contact should be maintained The children's interests, not the heiress's, should have been paramount. Disrupting their bond with their perceived father will have done neither any good.

In the box IOHN Lloyd persists in did not lead the court to convict John Harris (my fath murder, and hence lead to the death penalty, rather than

 Mr Lloyd appears to have forgotten his interview on Newsnight in May this year. that you were at least partly responsible for his execution?" John Lloyd: "Yes, my evidence, [pause] the judge said it was an important part of it." (Dr) David Wolfe.

> Suffolk IP16. WHILST sitting down the subs' table from such luminaries as Robin Oakley, John Sergeant and Tony Bevins (The write wing, November 20) may have shown me was not destined for their giddy heights of journalism, I must report that I was not sacked by the Liverpool Post,

> > OW about Labour offering BT the chance to cable up every school and college for free, and in return to promise to waive the windfall levy on BT's profits? This could be presented as BT giving some-thing back to the nation; and it would probably be in BT's financial interests, since it can supply all materials at

but left of my own accord. Malcolm Bruce MP.

House of Commons

cost. Michael D Mitchell. 30 Ring Road. Flackwell Heath, Bucks HP10 9HB.

JUST a year ago, whilst walking our dogs across local fields, I too detected a strong smell of gas where I knew a new pipeline had been laid (Letters, November 16 and 21). Before phoning the board. I consulted the Ordnance Survey map of the area and so was able to quote the this rising tide of ignorance grid reference of the snot concerned. I was rather demolished by the response: "The reference you've given is no use to us. We don't use them. Now can you explain exactly where the leak is?" Peter Naylor. 70 Sams Lane.

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Parental guidance advised

utter absurdity of the cinema alone among the arts, being subject to the moral judgmen of local councillors (Head-on collision, November 21). This is not, of course, the first time that these self-appointed, woe-fully ill-equipped guardians of public morality have acted thus: witness The Devils, Straw Dogs and Clockwork Orange. It is, however, the first occasion of which I'm aware that a local council has acted on a film before the British Board of Film Classification has had the chance to

pass judgment on it. The BBFC, the o e BBFC, the only body with the appropriate skills to classify films (however much one may disagree with some of their judgments), is now in the wholly unenviable post-tion of having to judge Crash with three separate guns pointed at its head: one belonging to Westminster Council, which has publicly made known to the BBFC the cuts which it requires if the film is allowed to be shown in the West End; another belonging to the baying bigots of the Telegraph, Mail and Evening Standard; and the third to a craven, populist government engaged in a Dutch auction with those self-same papers on any issue, however thread-

bare and opportunist, which might profitably be hitched to a pre-election law 'n' order bandwagon. One can only ask the BRFC to stand firm in the face of and intolerance and to treat Crash with the intelligence and sensitivity which it has shown to all Cronenberg's previous work

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HE banning of the film SAW Crash in Paris in the Crash demonstrates the summer. (I used Eurostar.

summer. (I used Eurostar, so I missed my car crash on the way back. I suppose I could have got a hire-car in-stead of the train, but I've always liked tunnels, and ticket-collectors and immigration-men in uniform . . .) But what is all this furore about complex metaphors linked to everyday objects and the absence of sexual love? Aren't there always feti-shised car crashes in Holly-wood, and don't kids who

steal cars already get a sexual high unrivalled by conventional intercourse in bed? I'm distressed to have comaway uncorrupted (or no more so than usual) for my 48 francs. Plainly I went to Paris for sexual perversion in the safety of the cinema (and a bit of shopping), but for me, the film's old-fashioned (heteroand homo-) adulterous sex in car parks was more arousing than the car crash. S F Melrose

Essex Road

F CRASH is perverse, so is the human species. The other animals may be at one with themselves in their sexuality but we are compelled by civilisation to turn aside perversely — from our first incestuous object and be satisfied with substitutions for it. Crash links these substitutions to the idea of the prosthetic, concentrating on that modern prosthetic body, the

motor car. If we do want to ban anything it should be Schwarzenegger movies which tell you you are a cyborg who can just blow other people away — not Crash, which shows just how fragile and incomplete people

Antony Rasthope. Victoria Avenue, Didsbury, Manchester M20.

Diary

Dan Glaister

OW here's a thought-we need more minis-ters. Yes we do. Many more. A suggestion comes in the recently published millennial tome The Age Of Anxiety, edited by Roy Porter and Sarah Dunant. Susie orbach proposes a Minister for Consequences, to carry out a "psychological audit" on major government programmes, assessing their economic, social, health and emotional costs. Just think. There could be a Consequences hotline, a selfbureaucracy, a Permanent Secretary for Consequences, and hordes of middle-ranking Consequences apparatchiks. The mind boggles, Susie, yes it

O farewell then, Peter McKay, the shortest-lived editor of Punch in history. But where should McKay go? A man accustomed as he is to a lav-ish lunch needs a suitably expansive chair. Fortunately the ideal position be-came vacant at about the same time on Wednesday that McKay left the office never to return. With the announcement that Peter Howarth is to make the difficult journey from men's glossy Arena to men's glossy Esquire, fill-ing the seat vacated by Rosie Boycott, McKay is the obvious choice for the hip, sexy, raunchy, men's style

TRANGE goings-on at the Nome Affairs Select Committee. Dame Jill Knight demanded to know why "Afros" weren't searched for drugs as they entered prison perched atop visitors' heads. Afros, Dame Jill? Afros? This is 1996, for good-ness sake. (Memo to DG of Prisons: next time the Dame attempts a visit, instruct officers to engage in a thorough search of her suspi-cious 1950s bechive.)

FTER weeks of liberal whingeing about freedom of expression, I am beginning to side with the forces of reaction over the fate of the obscene, deprayed Crash. I have to thank Christopher Tookey of the Daily Mail for my conversion. Mr Tookey illustrates with admirable clarity the influence of the more wild excesses of film on the behaviour of upright, everyday citizens. "When Joan Crawford wore a roffled dress in the 1932 film Letty Lynton," he writes, "the New York department store Macy's sold 50,000 exactly like it." Ruffled dresses, m'lord. Ban

HEARTWARMING Air France appeared in American news yesterday. A nice little old man peers out beside the words "Not doing anything? If you have a little time on your hands there's never a better reason for a getaway to Paris." But wait a minute. Isn't that . . .? Why, it's Bob Dole - you remember, sweet old guy, came second. So life is fair,

NTRIGUING news in the latest edition of the snap-pily-titled dti news. ing at the DTT's Victoria Street office, managing director Phillip Russell states: "The lighting timers for a duration of 16 minutes, and are reactivated whenever anyone enters the toilet." Sixteen minutes? Those civil servants need a bit of private-sector bowel discipline.

Y attention is drawn to an advertisement in the Watford Observer for Jackson's the Jewellers "Forget about our imminent decline due to global warming," it begins optimistically before turn-ing all threatening, "Worry more about asteroids." Oh dear. "Precautions can be taken." That's all right then. "For instance you are advised to purchase some of our fine jewellery as Christ-mas presents a little early. this year — you never know!" Wacko or what?

AST word on Fergie: The Sun enticed read-Hers yesterday with a free copy of her be Way. All they had to do was answer the question "Tell us the name of her ex-husband." Over to you Madame



Just imagine it: Imran Khan as premier

Commentary Peter

Preston

EOFFREY BOY-COTT for Prime Minister. Why not? He's a national figure and gritty sporting legend. His patriotism and sense of destiny — capped by public es-pousal of the Referendum Party — speak for themselves. And what, in the aftermath of that bold stand for Britain, do a few tabloid tales of serial for-

the politician who always runs the opposition out.

Ludicrous? Not if you stick to cricket, but change pitch and players. Imran Khan is a sporting legend. A night-club-ber to shame Andrew Nell, a ber to shame Andrew Nell, a chick-chaser supreme. He doesn't need to join the Referendum Party: Jimmy Goldsmith is his father-in-law. Jemima's baby emerged this week to a sub-royal fanfare of tabloid trumpeting. Sulaiman the Maniferents Publication the Magnificently Publicised. Score two (one illegit, one legit) to the Pathan hunk. And

Imran, heavy with destiny, wants to be Premier of Pakitstan. Still more significantly, (retired) Hamid Gul, the old intelligence chief for Zia ul too. Showbusiness writers ejaculate over the dream cou-ple. Leader writers wheel out the adjectives of high serious-ness. Interview writers queue outside his door. The Daily outside his door. The Daily Telegraph has even taken to publishing long articles from Imran on his eight-point plan for Pakistani regeneration. One speech from him attacking EMU and they'd all be scratching their tummles.

It is gurgeous, glamorous, journalistic fim; it will build in a crescendo over the next couple of months as Pakistan

in a crescendo over the next couple of months as Pakistan prepares to vote. But it is also terrible tosh, with danger attached. It turns a great (and greatly miserable) Third World nation into a gossipcolumn annex. We may all shoke on such frivolity. choke on such frivolity.

Imran is charismatic and aquiline and Oxbridge clever. aguilme and Oxforinge ciever.
His young wife is drop-dead
memorable. He played terrific
cricket. But his political experience is zero. He can make
only stumbling speeches to
the Urdu masses. He doesn't
appear to have ever been in
the country before at election
time. This is not, I fear, what
Pakistan needs.

Pakistan needs. Some of his local detractors, in their sub-continental way. ladle a sinister sauce over the

coincidentally, mesh the rich, antocratic Bhutios of Sind). That would be splendid, if true: but simplicity throtiles it again. Of course Pakistan is a mire of backbanders and may-hem. But that is because Pakistan has seldom given itself 15 seconds to find a settled way. The generals — Ayub, Yahya, Zia — come and go. The politi-cians — like Benazir's father They don't like Li-General (retired) Hamid Gul, the old intelligence chief for Zia ul - have their turn and are swept away. Better make some financial hay while the sun shines, for the rainy days the Imran group. They fear other links with the Pabsan, a youth offshoot of the pretty are coming. There is no settled state in a settled State. The army is full of politicians fundamentalist Jamaet e Is too. Indeed, the army is the alternative party of

aami. You can spin the same

sort of tales about Imran that

in another part of the global

Jimmy.
In fact, only one fatal trait truly links Goldsmith and Im-

of hardened specificity.

ment, not a conventional

party: he renounced any ambi-

I knew Zulfikar Ali Bhutto He was a brilliant operator. He founded and built a dominant party of reform. He did

ran: their crashing naievely The leader of the Jehreeh-e-in Only one fatal The leaner of the Jearsen-e-m-soot's economic policy is to "find the best economic brain in Pakistan" — and put him in charge. Education reform in-volves "getting the best aca-demic brains in the country to work on forming a proper edutrait truly links Goldsmith and imran: work on forming a proper edu-cation policy". Trust in gov-ernment is restored "by a po-litical leadership which has people of integrity, honesty and competence". He makes the early Blair seem a wonder of hardered specificity. their crashing naivety

more, in the early 70s, to de-stroy feudalism than any Events have a way of sharp-ening such simplicity. The ousting of Benazir Bhotto— an old Oxford chum— has done that over a handful of weeks. Imran founded a move-Pakistani before or since. But by the end of the 70s he was singing a completely different song. The feudal landlords and the peasant farmers —
together in mutual self-interest — tugged Rhutto back
from the seething cities and
the urban masses. There was,
and still is, no cobesion to

now been abruptly cancelled.

He is leading the charge against corruption, and finding its roots in the feudal ties of Pakistan society (which, unpakistants) and the roots of the roots. complicated country which hasn't quite happened yet. Will imran happen? Almost certainly not. You win subcontinental elections because you have well-known, sub-stantial candidates on the local ground — with a picture symbol for the illiterate and high name-recognition. It's rather like Sir Jams again. Voters know him — but who's heard of the spear-carriers in Macherical at a Moltane Seems Macclesfield or Multan? Scant chance of getting real.
But there is one sliver of a

chanca. Benazir was always burnished continuance of the only politician worth a damn: her dad. A country without self-confidence swallowed the tablets — took (for instance) her presidency of the Oxford Union as an accolade of com-petence. The Dally Telegraph and the rest may thus have a vote for Imran next February, and be heard. Ms Bhutto is banned. The leader of her disloyal opposition, Narwaz Sha-rif, may also be dished. The big parties will be stripped over their chieftains. Imran will, at last, get his stab at TV image-building. Could the

earth move? Just maybe. But it will move not because of anything dynamic in the foreground. It will move beloreground. It will move be-cause the same old crew and the same old forces in the background have manipulated it thus. The generals haven't gone away. They are merely resting, ready for more ma-nipulation on the merry-go-round. If they happen to choose luran he may four. choose Imran, he may flour-ish. But in time he will as eas-

life but in this he was earlife be dispensed with.

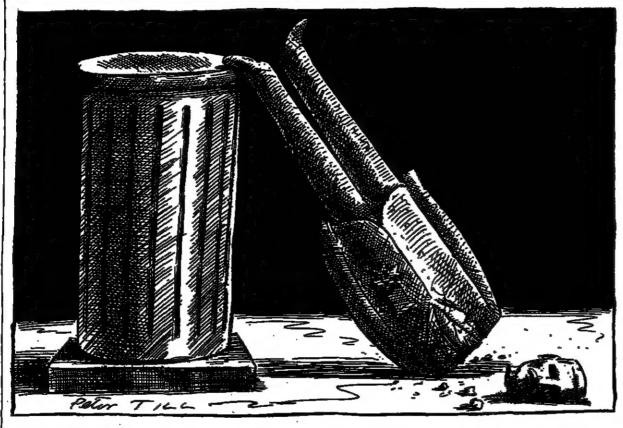
I'd rather remember the
cricketer and hospital builder
and lover for what he was: an enhancement. The real world of Pakistan, though, needs tions of standing for office, let the urban masses. There was, parties with roots, and demo-alone prime minister. But and still is, no cohesion to cratic leaders of savvy bril-both announcements have Pakistan. It's an impossibly liance. Just not cricket.

> 1942: Theresia Steiner, a Vien nese domestic-turned-nurse; Auguste Spitz, a Viennese nursing auxiliary; and an agricultural worker, Mari-anne Grunfeld.

FTER the war, the now Queen Victor G Carey for his war services. Today his grandson is Guernsey's Deputy Bailiff. The sins of the fathers should not be visited on the sons but, when those fathers have been falsely honoured, shouldn't history be corrected? If we decorate our heroes for behaving honourably for their country, why don't we make sure knighthoods are posthumously stripped from trai-tors? Carey used the words "enemy forces" to describe the mainland and Allied armies. He also offered a £25 reward to any informer giving away an anti-Nazi writing the V sign or any other symbol offensive to the Germans. His knighthood is an insult to

tions, the mood in Guernsey and Jersey is said to be one of boredom and fatigue with the whole matter. To the islanders, this news is "just another Holocaust story", and one which sits uneasily with their own version. Women, now in their 70s, were called Jerry-bags for sleeping with the Germans. Many gave birth to German-fathered bables after offering what the French called 'horizontal collaboration" in total sympathy with their government's official line. Do the Remembrance Day parades each November really mean anything as long as traitors like Carey are painted as war heroes? At least the French had the decency to try Marshal Pétain. It's time our official records were followed up and Chan-nel Island history, which is after all part of our own British history, is not forgotten or rewritten to hide the truth.

Julia Pascal's stage play Theresa. on the life of Theresia Sta performed in Britain, France and in Guernsey has been refused. Har play The Road To Paradise (transmitted on Postar 1 (transmitted on Radio 4 last aummer) deals with this history



Julia Pascal calls for wartime Channel Island leaders who collaborated with the Nazis to be posthumously denounced as traitors – and stripped of their titles

Islands of shame

Day, and we ob-serve two minutes' silence. On Sunday November 10, Whitehall was a living parade of our old heroes still walking in step, sporting their military honours and remember-ing their dead comrades. For a brief instant we, born too late to know war, gimpse a vision of a country totally mobilised against Hitler. But what of those British who lived easily with the Nazis on the Channel Islands, the only area of occupied Britain?
This week's final release of

wanting to do your job, one of my constituents said to me the other day. It is a common reaction. Except,

that is, among the band of

MPs, councillors, activists and aspirant politicians

who share infection by the

political virus. What is it

that evokes such horror at this way of life among the detached onlooker, but pro-

duces such an insatiable appetite for the thrill among those devoted to it?

When I decided to try for the nomination as Labour

candidate for Dulwich, a friend, also a politician, said: "If you try for it, you will get it only if you want

will get it only it you want any-tit more than you want any-thing else." I was appalled. More than my family and all the things in life that I hold dear? During the selec-

EMEMBRANCE ments reveals, yet again, how level of collaboration was embed in the majority of Channel Issuerve two minutes landers collaborated with the silence. On Sunday Nazi occupier. The presence was silenced. A myth was Nazi occupier. The presence of the terrible concentration. camps on Alderney was helped by Guernsey and Jer-sey men working for the Nazis. For the first time names have been given, which will certainly cause embarrassment to their fam-ilies. The Channel Islands have never admitted guilt. Like so many Austrians, they see themselves as victims rather than collaborators. The problem is that Guern-sey and Jersey were never de-Nazified. To focus on the high

Is there a psychologist in the House?

for any winnable seat. You push yourself forward, toes curled inside your shoes at the sheer embarrassment

of being so bold and pushy.

But that is only the start. It is a battle to safeguard

any private or family time

after the election. Once elected, instead of pursuing

only your own ambition and that of your party, you are suddenly entrusted

with the duty to represent

the constitutional hopes

and fears of at least 55,000

people. Making time for

your family in politics is seen as an admission of po-

litical failure. How often is

a sacking pre-empted by a minister announcing that

he is standing down to spend more time with his family?

Politicians are not normal people. If they

had a little more self-awareness, argues

Tessa Jowell, we would all be happier

CAN'T imagine anyone The will to win is vital, wanting to do your job, with at least 100 contenders

born. In this revisionist version of history the islanders were seen as plucky survivors of the Nazi jackboot. It is forgotten that those who stayed on the Island chose to, refusing Churchill's offer of a free boat trip back to

England.
Fortunes were made on the black market. Neighbours denounced one another to the Nazis to settle old grudges. Resistance was on a very small scale. But collaboration was at the highest level. Vic-

those who stumble, to the Speaker's reprimends for the recalchrant. To begin

with it is terrifying. I am lastingly grateful to the col-

league who, before my maiden speech, said: "Just keep looking at the Tories and remember that they all

once wore nappies."

It is, for nearly all MPs, a way of life detached from the normal domestic rou-

tine. Most MPs have to get

used to missing the inti-macy of family life because

the obligation to a three-line whip is unremitting.

Belonging and being part of the Westminster way of life

is essential when keeping

in touch with normal life is

There is an inherent

paradox. The public want

their MPs to be people whose lives they recognise as having some similarity

with their own; but the po-litical routine makes that

almost impossible. Yet per-

sonal and infimate attach-

ments are ultimately so

so difficult.

liff, wrote obsequiously to the Feldkommandatur willingly detailing the number of Jew-iah residents on the island after absorbing the Nuremberg Laws with only one pro-test from his island governtest from his island govern-ment. Carey was Britain's Pétain. His President of the Controlling Committee, an-other knight, Sir John Leale, was described as "pro-Ger-man". I have read Carey's servile letters to the Feldkommandatur betraying Jews to the Nazis. Thanks to his information, three were taken from Guernsey to Auschwitz where they were gassed in

identify with, and with PM's Questions, we could whom they can share politibe pursing a new kind of cal convictions. Labour, for creative politics. Like many instance, identified that it had lost the electors' trust during the 1980s and early 1990s. Then there is the effect on the party itself: a hard part of modernisation has been, after 17 years in opposition, for Labour it-self to believe that it will win popular support and become the government.

The psychology of opposi-tion is destructive. DSYCHOLOGICAL ideas have rarely been ap-plied to understanding politics and its players, partly because there is no common language. Yet the rich tradition of developmental psychology and attachment theory brings to an impov-erished political debate that we are, each of us, necessarily social beings. The need for attachment, for an identity rooted in belong-ing, is as far from "no such thing as society" as it is possible to be.

We politicians can learn more from psychology; it can show us the benefits of stepping aside from the all the things in life that I family?

Then there is the ritual tweness. This is how the ing with those we repretion I felt I had left home. The preoccupation is total. The media's contempt for class as peope they can as the bear-garden that is

colleagues, I hold open meetings in my constitu-ency; today, for instance, it will be on community care, using my position to bring together the people respon-sible for delivering such care, and those carers, dis-abled people and elderly people who rely on their

services.

This will confront the providers with the raw pain of many of those who use the services, but at the same time will make the users feel more powerful.
Psychology lets you understand how people feel helpless, and why helplessness manifests itself some-times as anger. It also lets you see that those in posi-tions of power tend to avoid the pain of those they serve, if they fear that to expose themselves to it would overwhelm them. If cess more adult, and recognise how people work best, won't that serve to enrich

Tessa Jowell MP has written a chapter in The Politics Of Attachment (ed Seba Kraemer and Jane Roberts, Fre-

Funny old Tory weather we're having



Bel Littlejohn

M I right, or am I right," asked the lovely Johnny Prescott, "or is the weather getting one helluva lot worse under the present iniquitous and wholly discredited Tory government? It's pelting outside, and here's me in my Hush Puppies, and the tas-seled ones at that, dammit."

We were in an emergency session of the The George Brown Group, the top-secret New Labour intellectual think-tank that meets every third Tuesday, ideas permit-ting. In the light of the poten-tially ruinous upturn in our economy, Tony — bless him — had been keen that we in New Labour should come up with some smashing new ideas.

"Snow in November!" sighed Harriet H, with a smile. "Can't wait for our fort-night in our fave hotel in the Bahamas!" Call me supersit-tious, but I could have sworn I heard a pin drop. Tony took the opportunity to shuffle his papers. Robin Cook pulled vig-orously at his beard. Jack Straw cleared his throat, leaving the polished table in need of a squeegee merchant, from

where I was sitting. But Harriet soon filled the silence herself. "Charter flight, of course," she said. Self-catering. And fact-finding too. I'd much prefer East-bourne — no, Blackpool — but it's completely chocker. And we much prefer to mix with a majority ethnic population. We can learn so much. Have you seen them dance? Tre-mendous rhythm."

"Thank you for that contri-bution, Harriet," said Tony, our chair. "If we could return to the weather, I personally find it abborrent that in a socalled democratic country you cannot open your window at night for fear of rain coming in. Only yesterday, our new rattan carpet — fashionable, maybe, but hard-wearing with it — was literally socked. But do we have the statistics to back up my gut reaction that this weather we're having is a leested, "so that all our folk Tory problem, created by the Tories, fostered by the Tories and - let's face it chums the blame for which must be

laid fair and square at the door of the Tories? "May I interject, Tony?" said Peter Mandelson, who's been feeling the cold ever since he took the brave decision to shave off his moustache two years ago come March. "I see a poster cam-paign developing. I see big, I see bold, I see full colour, I see

up and down the country. An Arctic landscape — ice, igloos, polar-bears, the lot — and, underneath, the simple slogan, "Life's Colder Under Major".

There was a stunned silence. I guess we all knew we were privileged to be pres-ent at the birth of a great new ent at the birth of a great new idea, just like they must have done at Hiroshima. "Love it," said Tony, adding: "But the Tories are bound to trot out their tired old question, 'So what would you guys do instead?""

what would you guys do in-stead?."
"Fair point, Tony," said Jack Straw, removing his specs and giving them a good polish with his tie, a sure sign his brain is ticking over. "And three-point agenda. May I present it in outline?" "Fire away, Jack," said Tony, everkeen to entertain new ideas, just so long as they're fresh

and appealing.
"One. New Labour will attempt to undo the damage done by 18 untold years of Tory misrule. Two. New Labour will initiate immediate on-the-spot fines for those who persistently refuse to go out without their waterproofs on. Three. Parents of children quite regardless of the effect it will have on the dampness or otherwise of the trousers and/or skirts of themselves and/or others will face a pre-liminary caution followed by a custodial sentence as and when appropriate."

this problem at source?" chipped in the super David Blunkett. "As I see it, it's pri-marily a question of teaching our young folk to be weather wise — a vital part of our edu-cation system sorely neglected by this wicked Tory govern-ment these past years. Kids these days can leave school without realising that the colder it is, the more winter woolies they should don. And vice versa. Last August, there were lads in my constituency walking round in thick polo-necks, double-vests, donkey-jackets and thermal underwear when it was 100 degrees in the shade. Huh! That's Tory education policy for you!"

HANKS, David, for that moving speech," said Tony, dabbing at his eyes with a handkerchief. "Anything further to add, Bel?"

Weather ClothesLine," I sugyoung and senior, can be given up-to-the-minute advice on suitable outdoor wear for the prevailing weather condi-tions. It would make a great photo-op, perhaps with Gor-don Brown standing under a shower with an umbrella, giv-

ing us the thumbs-up."
"Lubbly jubbley," said John
Prescott, wrapping up the meeting. New Labour is now firmly established as the natural Party of Weather. Yup. it sure looks like we've turned 12 hundred hundred key sites, out nice again . . .

Continuing crisis in Central Africa

The return of refugees from Zaire is one of the greatest movements of people the world has ever seen. Oxfam is providing water for the hundreds of thousands on the road home. An uncertain future awaits them.

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Reconciling two worlds

Nobel Laureate, Professor Abdus Salam, who has died aged 70, was a theoretical physicist and mathematician of world stature who developed theories which unify and extend seemingly irreconcilable aspects of particle physics. Acting as a one-man bridge between North and South, he has greatly influenced and encouraged science and its support in developing countries throughout the world.

Abdus was founder, insplration and, until 1995, director of the International Cen tre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste (ICTP), which was set up to 1964 under the International Atomic Energy Agency as a forum for North-South inas a forum for Norm-Solith in-tellectual exchange to help train theoretical physicists from developing countries. In the 1970s, Abdus established a Summer College on Physics and Contemporary Needs at Nathialagi in Pakistan, extending the range of interests well beyond those of theory.

As scientific adviser to successive Presidents of Paktstan from 1961 to 1974, he played a major role in estab lishing Pakistan's science, medical and agricultural research councils, based broadly on a state and univer sity "dual support" system The national collaborative framework for scientific policy and finance, drawn up under his guidance, is still in place. However, while he spoke of a balanced system for Pakistan in which agricul-ture, medicine and public health would be supported on equal terms with other sciences, the large share of resources allocated to nuclear science and technology resulted in serious imbalance and vigorous criticism.

Thus in spite of his power ful influence in world phys-ics, his eminence in the West and lifelong commitment to science in developing countries, in his own country | the UN Advisory Committee

through encouraging theoretical and nuclear physics and, by inference, weapons research. He was adviser and a member of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission during the setting up and staffing of Pakistan's Candu reactor and the establishment of institutes for nuclear science and space science

nrime areas of focus: the elegant mathematics underlying and linking the fundamental forces of nature, and the role of science in tackling world-wide problems of poverty, dement and human being. The research imbalance in Pakistan which, in later life, Salam acknowldged as scientifically and

His life was dedicated to an unending search for greater

comprehension of the seemingly incomprehensible

socially unsatisfactory, arose from a perceived political need for defence against the Indian nuclear threat". As an expression of political and defence aims it was never a product of planned science

policy. Whether he could have influenced national defence policy or prevented the political annexation of the nuclear programme in Pakistan with any more success than, for example, his brilliant contempo-rary Homi J Bhabha in India, is a question that is unlikely ever to be answered. Salam's influence as an adviser ended in 1974. Paradoxically, although he was a member of Abdus Salam has been on Science and Technology blamed for the starvation of throughout this period, and

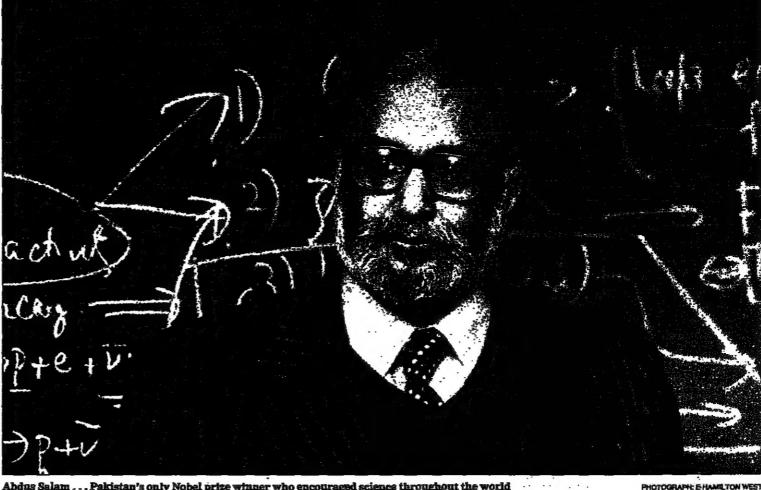
its chairman in 1971-72, he was criticised in Pakistan for living and working in the West and turning his back on

country. Never justified, this criticism was heightened because although born a Muslim, he was a member of the Ahmadiya Sect and condemned as a heretic by extreme religious orthodoxy in Pakistan. Hostility and inadequate facilities led him, inevitably, to concentrate his scientific research mainly in his department at Imperial College in London, and his work for developing countries at ICTP in Trieste and through other international agencies, such as the Third World Academy of

Tragically, by the early 1980s, he was already in the grip of a degenerative neural disorder which he bore with amazing tolerance. Sugges-tions that he might somehow have been linked with Pakistan's costly deal with China for reactor technology in the 1990s, or with the decision to build a 40 megawatt pluto-nium producing reactor at Khushab (a project of the 1980s not revealed to the world until Benazir Bhutto's visit to America in the spring of 1995), are absurd.

Salam sought nuclear disarmament. He was a vigorous supporter of Pugwash, a phi-losopher of huge intellect who, outside his science. dreamed of and worked for a better and more peaceful world. In science his concern was the reconciliation of the was the reconciliation of this invisible and seemingly frag-mented and ephemeral micro-world of particle physics, with the solid world of matter and the visible reality of the universe — one of the major philosophical challenges of the 20th century.
In 1969, under Blackett and

with Paul Matthews, Salam set up the first theoretical physics group at Imperial Col-lege. Over the following two decades he produced a torrent of work which clarified fun-



Abdus Salam . . . Pakistan's only Nobel prize winner who encouraged science throughout the world

prehensible" — his life was lege, Cambridge. There he dedicated to an unending gained a double first in mathsearch, through mathematics, ematics and physics in 1948 and, a year later, won the the seemingly incomprehenphysics. Delving into what I was then an unfashionable sector of the complex mathe-

matics of elementary parti-cles, he unified the theories of called weak nuclear force, predicting the existence of distinctive particles (intermediate vector bosons) and a non known as the neutral current. This won him, with Weinberg and Glashow, a share of the 1979 Nobel Prize for physics. All confirmed.

Although increasingly limited by disability, which put him in a wheelchair and eventually robbed him of the power of communication, this was only a fragment of his theoretical work. A 700-page Festschrift published in 1993 was, his colleagues empha-sise, only a selection of his

Although he sometimes quoted Einstein's whimsical paradox to his students — The incomprehensible thing

sible. A glant who met and defeated many difficulties, he was. in many ways,

born in Ihang, a small town in a poor farming dis-trict of what is now Pakistan. His father, a former school teacher and an official education, was dedicated to learning. His family soon realised that young Abdus had great gifts. When only 14 he gained the highest marks ever attained in the Punjab University matriculation examination. On his return, the whole town gathered to mee

After graduating in 1946 at Government College, Labore — part of the University of

outstanding pre-doctoral contribution to physics. His doc-toral thesis, published in 1961, extended highly original fun-damental work on quantum electrodynamics which had already gained him an international reputation and which served as the spring-board for his later scientific

Salam intended to base this in Pakistan. Returning to Government College at La-hore to teach mathematics in 1951, he was appointed head of the mathematics department at Punjab University the following year. Although things seemingly went well, it lish the type of post-graduate research school which he ought. In 1954 he returned to Cambridge and in 1957 be-came Professor of Theoretical

entific secretary of the United | Energy Commission. In the Nations Geneva Conferences on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, became a member of the foundation committee of the United Nations University (1970-73), served as a member of the Stockholm International Peace Research Insti-tute and was vice-president of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (1972-78). He served as president of the Third World Network of Scientific Organisa tions and of the Third World

Academy of Sciences. Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1959, he later won the Royal Society Hughes Medal, the Royal Medal and the Copley Medal, and a host of awards and honorary doctorates in countries throughout the world.

In 1965, he contributed to a series of lectures on Radio Pakistan that were named after the great Pakistani poet, Ighal. His own lectures, es tially a history of particle physics, were published in

closing words of a preface looking forward to a great resurgence of poetry and of science in Pakistan, Salam expresses both the purpose of the lectures and his own sci-

entific credo. "These lectures are an ac count of man's search for unity in the understanding of the physical universe and the During them I would like to show how rewarding the faith in the eventual unity, the eventual harmony, the even-tual beauty of the basic laws of nature has proved in un-ravelling some of the deeper insights we have achieved.
"Some of these concepts are

extremely deep. I can only hope I have not relapsed into a misty profundity which is quite often in science a cloak for one's own ignorance."

Abdus Salam, theoretical physi

Esther Simpson

Guarding the flame of intellectual freedom



Esther Simpson . . . a 'family' of refugee scholars HANNA SCHOT

began its crusade against the free intel-lectual life of Europe, through the turmoil and suppression of Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, and to her final years, Esther Simpson, who has died aged 93, was the first contact in the free world for many hundreds of refugee scholars. Through her work with the Society for the Pro-tection of Science and Learning (SPSL), which was set up in Geneva by Lord Beveridge and Leo Szilard in 1933, later operated from Cambridge and ultimately jointly with the Society for Visiting Scientists in London, Esther played a key role in activities which hugely enriched the intellectual fabric of Britain.

She was totally dedicated self-effacing, a natural linguist able to cope with mountains of paper and red tape and en dowed with great empathy for people in distress. While working hours that would have killed most of us, she still found time, and an ensemble in which she could exercise her skills as a violinist. She once led a quartet in which the great Max Rostal played cello; and she said of Vienns in the early 1930s — where she was working when recruited for the SPSL — that it was a musical paradise, with operas and concerts free and the playing of music so much a part of

"ROM the early 1930s, | life everybody did it, like | academic freedom and vigour, brushing their teeth. Her great achievement was holding together the lifeline for scholars before, during and in the years following the second world war, when some of the greatest names of our time in science and in the arts came to Britain, and many made it their home. One measure of the quality of this flow is that it provided more than a dozen members of the wartime British scientific tes

working on the atomic bomb at Los Alamos. Over 150 of the 500 or so refugees who stayed in this country became Fellows of the Royal Society or of the Royal Society of Arts. The only pub-lished (and incomplete) list embraces at least 16 Nobel Laureates and a galaxy of faroous names, with Ernst Chain, Kari Popper, Claus Moser, Hans Kornberg, Ernst Gom-brich, Eric Ash and Max Perutz among them. Esther wrote with great affection about her huge family of scholars, an affection reciprocated through-out their lives by those whom

he helped. Gombrich and Perutz paid homage at a reception held at the Ciba Foundation in London in 1992 when Esther pub-lished her memoirs. It is true, as Max Perutz then said, that the flow of benefits was not a one-way affair. Many of those who came to Britain, and ex-perienced the stimulation of achieved much greater emi-neace here than they could pormal times. But in the dark years before and throughout the war when Esther Simpson tended the flickering beacon of intellectual freedom, the overwhelming memory of those rescued from oppre was her welcoming friendliness, her breadth of culture, the speed at which she could

demic niches and provide

hope for those in despair. Esther was born in Leeds and went to Leeds College of Music but graduated from Leeds University with first class honours in French and German in 1924, She went first to Germany and then to Paris where, working for a building company with an international workforce, she produced a multi-language dictionary to enable everyone to understand essential technical terms. After six years with the international Fellowship of Reconcillation, mainly in Vienna, and a brief period with the World Alliance of YMCAs in Geneva, she joined and merged her life immuta-bly with the Academic Assis tance Council (later the SPSL) At a superficial level her

work was documentation, keeping track of individuals and groups under oppression, and opening up routes for them through international

academic channels. 'I am insignificant," she used to say.
Only the scholars and their freedom were of importance. At times of crisis, such as 1940 when, in fear of invasion, the Home Office interned several hundred foreign academics, others might have been over-whelmed. But, from the new SPSL office in Cambridge, Es-ther fought on their behalf and, in the end and to the great benefit of Britain, won.

She gave her entire life to such corrosive work and, for relaxation, to demanding music. She never thought of marriage, had few posses-sions, and never had a holiday in the conventional sense. As Sir Eric Ashby recorded, she achieved that very rare level of distinction for which there exists no obvious formula, for tt is based on intrinsic charac-ter and worth. Nowadays, some might regard the entire SPSL operation as elitist a "We could not save them all. Lawyers, writers and other groups had their own chan-nels. We did what we could," she once said. And what she did, often under great pressure, was to save substantial segments of the intellectual life of Europe.

unthony Tucker Esther Simpson, lifeline for scholars; born July 31, 1903; died

Letters

David Robinson writes: Vir-Controversy, "historians can ginis Cherrill's first husband learn much from literary was a Chicago lawyer Irving Adler, not as stated the actor Luther Adler (obituary November 21). Her fourth mar- ling recently in that context riage to Fiorian Martini, who

knew John Stachniewsk (obituary November 12), from his work. As I wrote this year in my Puritan and Historical

Birthdays

Boris Becker, tennis player, 29; John Bird, actor, 60; Jon Cleary, novelist, 79; Tom Conti, actor and director, 54; Jamie Lee Curtis, actress. 38; Brig Hilary Dixon-Nut-tall, director Army Nursing Services, 57; Terry Gilliam, animator, writer and director, 56; Sir Feter Hall, theatre, films, opera director, 68; Lord Henley, minister of state for education, 43: Stephen Hough, concert pianist, 35; Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, FRS, physiologist, former master, Trinity College, Cambridge, 75; Prof Sir John Knill, geologist, 62; Pat Koechlin-Smythe, show-jumper, 68; Billie Jean King, tennis champion, 53; Wayne Larkins, cricketer, 43; Peter McMaster, former director-general, the Ordnance Sur-vey, 65; Mushtaq Mohammed, cricketer, 53; Gunther Schuller, composer, 72; Robert Vaughn, actor, 64; Nico-las Walter, manager, Ratio-nalist Press Association, 62.

scholars about the nature of puritenism, and no work has than Stachniewski's.

Death Notices

BrCAT, André, died pespetully at his house on Standary 18 November 1996. A creme-form will be reigi at 2.30pm on Friday 29 November at Patney Vale Cremetorium. Sieg Larse, Kingston Vale and attenuende at Patrey Bridge Road. Alt redicores. COLTHOPFMAASSHALL, Morganet, S. On Ballardey 19th November, at long sinces. Funeral, Wodnesday November, 11.15 at Clarch of St Funeral, Woodlend New Road, Little To. Conglores to local Curtities, MM CREST, may be sent to Funeral Oiro A. Bennet, 490 Noe Street, ET? SA, Driff 559 3412

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Jackdaw



Techno glaze

WHEN we Brits feel life's getting on top of us, we tend to ease the strain with a few jars down the pub and an evening slumped on the sofa watching Brookie. A fine solution you'll probably agree . . . but not if you're from California,

Out on the dippy West be shoved into a mind gym. Instead of tea and sympathy you'll get a pair of techno goggles strapped to your head and a crystal ball thrust into your hands — and then have to sit like this for a few hours feeling like a complete prat.

Some guys, in fact, have no choice because they are sent

to these gyms by their employers. What with the smog, crime and traffic jams, Los Angeles workers are increas ingly stressed out. The socalled "Star Room" at the local Mind Gym is where they're dispatched to chill out and "find their inner selves" It's all a parody of everything you'd expect from California. the theory behind this wacky bead workout being that the flashing lights in the goggles act upon your brain to soothe away stress, while the crystal and large mirrors everywhere help to put you

into a nirvanic trance. The Brits have surged ahead in the space race — by a nose. Amazingly we're the world leaders in the obscure world of artificial noses - a speciality that's surpris-ingly useful in the difficult task of keeping humans alive in space. The first artificial nose prototype was developed by Warwick University back in the 1980s, Today, marketed by spin-off company Aroma-

Scan, the noses have a host of

which range from analysing

perfumes to checking safety

industrial applications.

in chemical plants. In the long run they could replace human "sniffers", who have the thankless duty of testing anything from deodorant to the bouquet of wines. The "Techno" noses cost a cool £40,000 apiece. The European Union is also funding a more down-to-earth application of artificial noses — planting them in telephone recievers. This could enable doctors to chemically analyse a patient's breath and then provide an instant diagnosis over the phone - smellanes could save lives, Focus magazine sniffs out the more bizarre things this

History hiccups THE inhabitants of Egypt

were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyp tians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a

range of mountains between The Bible is full of interest ing caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guine Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Solomon, one of David's ons, had 500 wives and 500

porcupines. Without the Greeks, we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns — Corinthian, Doric and Ironic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the

mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Stynx until he became intolerable. Achilles appears in "The Illiad" by Homer. Homer also wrote the "Oddity", in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his jour-

iey. Then came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Dames, King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery, King Har-lod mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings, Joan of Arc was cannonized by George Bernard Shaw, and the victims of the Black Death grew boobs on their necks. The Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same of

in midevil times most of the people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the time wa Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verse and also wrote literature. Another tale an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's

The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human It was an age of great inven-

tions and discoveries. Guten-berg invented the Bible. The government of England was a limited mockery. The humorous side of bad edu-cation. Richard Lederer's extracts from St Paul's school's The History of the World Ac-cording to Student Bloopers.

Hapless habit WHAT else does he do in his

spare time? I'm obsessed with

Taken from the Anarchist

fall and I spend a long time fiddling with that. I also love to do errands; I go to Chalet Gournet (a fancy LA grocery store). They keep saying, don't have to put yourself through this." They don't understand, I just love it. I go

there sometimes just to buy a He likes to stay out late.



Marie Clare . . . Hugh's view

the pool. I hardly ever go in it.
I like looking at it. And getting the bugs out of it.— I like using the net. It's got a little waterin some "late night marmite" If I don't get my marmite I'm not nice. That or Cocoa Puffs. Then I watch crap on telly-Hugh Grant trying to contince us he is the most ho earth in Marie Claire.

Tripped up

"NOW, like, I'm President. It would be pretty hard for some drug guy to come into the White House and start offering it up, you know?...I bet if they did, I hope I would say, "Hey, get lost. We don't want any of that." — George Bush, talking about drug abuse to a group of students.

The caribou love it. They rub against it and they have babies. There are more carlbou in Alaska than you can shake a stick at."—George Bush, on the Alaska pipeline "If I listened to Michael Dukakis long enough I would be

economic downturn and people are homeless and go-

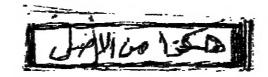
ing without food and medical ttention and that we've got to do something about the un-

"My fellow Americans, I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five min-utes." — Ronald Reagan, about to go on the air for a radio broadcast, unaware that the microphone was already on. "Now we are trying to get

unemployment to go up and I think we're going to succeed." — Ronald Reagan, Walter Mondale: "George Bush doesn't have the manhood to apologise." Bush: "Well, on the manhood thing, I'll put mine up against his any time." More great goofs from those who should know better. From the humour listserver.

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German industrialist says Britain will join single currency and abandon social legislation opt-outs

BMW chief hits at UK policy

HE head of one of Germany's most prestigious indus-trial groups yester-day sharply contradicted government claims about the attractions of Britclaimed that within 10 years the UK's opt-out on social and

In a keynote speech that confronted head-on recent claims by both Ministers and Eurosceptic MPs, Bernd Pischetsrieder, chairman of the executive board of the German car company BMW, dismissed the idea that foreign companies invest simply be-cause the UK has low wage rates and offers labour mar-

monetary union would be ir-

ket flexibility. Mr Pischetsrieder also challenged Britain to place itself at the forefront of the Euro-pean mainstream by signing up to a single European cur-

Speaking at the annual motor industry lunch spon-sored by the Guardian in London, the BMW chairman stressed that a single European currency was inevitable. He said of the Euro: "It will come, and it will be in your interests in Britain as well as those in the rest of Europe. Britain will join."

BMW announced last week that it was to invest £400 million in a state of the art en-

The decision, backed by £45 million of UK Govern-ment aid, had been reached after considering sites in Austria and at BMW's headquar-

ters in Munich. The investment was cited with others by deputy prime minister Michael Reseltine as evidence that economic re-forms masterminded by the Conservatives were vital in Chemical Industries Associa-

Speaking at the recent CBI conference in Harrogate, Mr Heseltine pledged to resist the imposition of the social chapter and preserve the opt-out on monetary union, both acts

competitiveness.

But the BMW chairman specifically ruled out suggestions that the investment had been placed in the UK because it had lower wage and social costs. Nor was it due to higher subsidies, he said. The Midlands had won the investment in order to present as ment in order to preserve engineering know-how at Rover and to enhance sales in the

UK market. Dismissing as short-term, suggestions that Britain en-joyed a competitive advantage due to its opt-out from social directives, Mr Pischetsrieder forecast that the UK would be fully committed to Europe's social legislation within 10 years. "The opt-out option is not an option," he

The BMW chairman was at pains to stress that the 1999 deadline for joining the single European currency was neither fixed nor relevant. The Euro was "not a one-off event". What mattered was that public debate focused on the move to a single currency and a united European economic policy.

And in a sideswipe at politiclans who argue the UK could prosper outside the Euro, Mr Pischetsrieder said European economies were much smaller than those of America or gine plant in the West Mid-lands. Japan, which left them vul-nerable to erratic currency

UK competitiveness had been eroded by 15 per cent in recent months because of the

strength of sterling.

The BMW chairman was backed last night in his call for the UK to join the Euro by Dr Manfred Schneider, chairwinning inward investment. tion dinner in London.

Germany and France say single currency is on track for 1999

ian Traynor in Bonn

GERMANY and France yesterday signalled that the mark and the franc at their present exchange rate would form the core single European currency which would be introduced as planned in just over two

Following a telephone talk between chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn and the French prime minister, Alain Juppe, in Paris, a statement restlirmed the Franco-German political the single currency on January 1, 1999.

The mark and the franc are widely seen as essential to the single currency proaimed at quelling specula-tion that Germany might want to delay monetary union to ensure that the fiscal and economic terms are more rigorously observed.
"The chancellor and the prime minister found that the current parity between the franc and the mark cortals of the two economies,

a statement, issued in Bonn and Paris, said. "They af-firmed France and Ger-

many's commitment to the timetable and criteria fixed



Virgin prepares to join rush into retail banking

Lina Salgoi and Pauline Springett

IRGIN Direct, the financial services arm of the Richard Branson empire, is discussing with a lead-ing high street bank its plan to enter retail banking early

A Virgin spokesman yester-day said a joint venture would allow it to avoid an application to the Bank of England for a banking licence. The banking sector was "crying out for the Virgin experience", the spokesman said, despite recent entrants such as the supermarket chain Sainsbury and Pruden-

tial, the life insurer.

Virgin has already shaken up the savings market with a range of cut-price personal equity plans linked to the stock market Last month it

also moved into the personal pensions market. The banking operation is expected to offer telephone based savings accounts and

may extend to mortgages. Analysts say that Virgin's foray will accelerate the breakdown of conventional banking begun by the arrival of other outsiders.

Hugh Pye, analyst at BZW, believes the new players will start to chip away at the iner-



tinction between retailers and is becoming more and more

NatWest admits it has to respond to the "industrial revolution" taking place in the financial services industrial virgin Cola Company had try. "We already have a strategy in place to build a new retail bank by the year 2000,"

a spokesman said.

But John Aitken, a banking analyst at UBS, is more sceptical about the likelihood of drastic change. "These new banks have a minuscule market share The HK financial."

Schweppes Beverages. Virgin Cola claims CCSB is abusing its dominant position in the UK drinks market and has called for an investigation.

The Virgin Group has been should be about the character of the college. ket share. The UK financial services consumer is still banks could grow, it will still only be a blip on the horizon."

The Consumers' According to the bus company Stagecoach and shipping group Carrotte and Shipping group Car very conservative and, while

creases competition and that is good news. It also encour-ages people to check if they their existing bank," a spokeswoman said.

But she warned the sector was still dogged by poor ser-vice and a high incidence of errors. Last month's Which? bank-ing survey criticised banks for failing to get to grips with basic service — with standing

orders and direct debits being the areas in which the most mistakes were made.

A spokesman for the Prudential said: "We have set up a bank which sells building society-type products such as mortgages. At the moment we are not offering current ac-counts. We believe there is an opportunity for banks which offer specialised services."

nounced yesterday that his Virgin Cola Company had lodged a formal complaint with the European Commis-Schweppes Beverages. Virgin Cola claims CCSB is abusing

shortlisted for the franchise to run the London to Scotland tia that binds most people to their current banks.

"Most of us think that our own banks aren't very good and are always looking for somewhere better to move to," Mr Pye said. "The dissipance of the dissipance Ronald Perelman — chair-man of the Revion cosmet-

MG loses control of units

Richard Miles

Dan Atkinson

EUTSCHE Bank yester-day carried out its threat to move responsi-bility for the unit trust arm of

said day-to-day unit trust op-UK, but strategic planning and risk controls were to be transferred to its German asset management arm, DWS Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wertpapiersparen, probably lated by Imro.

Transfer of supervisory City-based investment bank Kleinwort Benson. Wertpapiersparen, probably lated by Imro.

MARVEL, the US comic-book publisher, was in

tarmoil last night over

gesting it is three weeks from insolvency — and even its team of superher-

oes may not be able to help.

The combined powers of Spiderman, the Fantastic

Four, Captain America et al have failed to halt the slide

in sales of comics and col-

lectors' trading cards

which has pushed the entertainment group into the red and forced it to skip

interest payments on loans. Majority shareholder

reports from New York sug-

pressed surprise and concern at the move, saying that sepa-ration of management con-trols was not ideal and, in some cases, might be unacceptable. Morgan Grenfell stressed it was "business as usual" for

Morgan Grenfell Asset Man-agement from London to the hundreds of thousands of billion of investors money into risky, illiquid stocks is scheduled for completion in the first quarter next year. Frankfurt in the aftermath of the Peter Young affair.
Germany's biggest bank bulk of the 58 billion of private client assets under man-

agement in London.

He said the move was "a change of reporting lines" rather than "a transfer of business". The unit trust arm would continue to be regulated by Inno.

Pow! Stricken superheroes in battle for survival

and Mike Wheatley, head of

compliance. Imro's investiga-tion of how fund manager Mr

Young, fired in September

managed to channel £1.4

return for a substantial lesse of new shares. The company's British arm, Panini, restructured last year, broadening its hase away from dependence on Marvel-copyright char-

acters. In addition, the early 1990s American investment boom in comic books and trading-cards, depicting sports and entertainment personalities, passed Brit-ain by, as did the conse-

ics empire - is reported to | iary's publications include | running.

have threatened to put Marvel into bankruptcy if holders of Marvel bonds reject his offer to put about 5218 million into Marvel in Jan Wiacek of London

comics specialist Forbidden Planet suggested Marvel's problems arose partly from its diversification into areas such as theme restau-rants and toys. "Business school" executives had replaced an older breed of manager raised in the comic business, he said.

Marvel bondholders were told by Mr Perelman's Andrews Group on Wednesday that Marvel needed more than £9 million immediately to pay its bills and ain by, as did the consequent crash.

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Useful reminder in DMG switch



Alex Brummer

clumsiness about the way in which Deutsche Morgan Grenfell has decided to move part of its fund management business back to Frank-fort in the wake of the Peter Young affair. No doubt it feels aggrieved over how an errant fund manager was allowed by his superiors (five of whom have since been sacked) to open a £180 million chasm in its high-performing European funds and in the process tarnished the huge investment which Deutsche Bank has made in its London-based merchant banking operation.

However, the new structure just revealed is neither logi-DMG has decided to export the £8 billion unit trust end of its London fund management and move strategic planning (whatever that may be), risk assessment and compliance to Frankfurt It will leave the more professional, institu-tional arm of the £70 billion operation in the City. The effect, of course, will be an over-complex and overlapping structure. The private funds will be managed from London, receive strategic im-

pulses from Frankfurt and also be supervised from there. But as the wholesale regulator Imro made abundantly clear, it is not that comfortable. If there is any basic lesson to be drawn from recent financial scandals it is that separating the compliance function from management is doomed. Lines of control be-come blurred, responsibility can be hedged and the speed — critical when important investment decisions are being taken — is slowed. Stockbroking houses, like Smith New Court (now part of Merrill Lynch)
have Securities & Exchange
Commission-trained compli-ance officers sitting in their London office, making immediate judgments on analytical material. They do not send to New York and then sit around while regulators there decide

Inno is right to query the new arrangements. Over the longer haul, however, DMG's switch of fund management to Frankfurt is a useful reminder that unless the quality of London financial regulation improves, it could lose com-petitive advantage.

Opting in

ment has long trumpeted Britain's labour market "flex-ibility", contrasting it with continental European rigidi-ties. Proponents of such a view point to Britain's suc-

ess in attracting overseas

To an extent, the Conservative administration's determination to show there is clear blue water between London and Brussels is enshrined in Britain's ability to opt-out of both the social chapter and monetary union.

The first opt-out, it is claimed, saves British indus-try from costly burdens. The second will allow Britain to own economic interest though pro-Europeans would argue that, if monetary union is a success, it is hard to see how it would be in Britain's economic interest to stay out.

But do such opt-outs really matter? Some, like BMW boss Bernd Pischetsrieder, might appear to have been per-suaded. After all, BMW bought Rover. Mr Pitschets-rieder, however, is adamant that wage costs and exchange rates are not the main drivers behind investment decisions year time scale. They can prove all too variable. Just look at the pound against the mark over the last couple

Perhaps that is as well. Mr that within a decade Britain's much prized opt-outs will simply not be an option. Not that the politicians, who operscales, are likely to be convinced.

Utility warming

S TRE election approaches, the City is increasingly exercised by the cost of Labour's planned windfall levy on the utilities, put at 25 billion by the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael He seltine, in yesterday's Com-mons debate.

That is relatively long term by City standards, but pen-sion funds should really be worrying about global warm-ing, according to an analysis by Delphi International, a financial research organisation specialising in austainable de-

Delphi suggests that investors need to take notice not only because of the overall impact of climate changes but also because the impact will vary substantially from region to region, and therefore from company to company. Southern Water will suffer most, while Northum-brian will be least hit, pro-moting the North-east region affraction for companies with large water requirements.

The water industry may be most affected, but climate change will have an impact on many other sectors. The insurance implications are probably most widely recognised, given the already extensive cost of unusual storms. But warmer and UROPEAN Commission implications for energy generation, higher temperatures and the loss of coastal land will add to food production will add to food production costs, and the anticipated greater incidence of respiratory illness will affect the healthcare industry.

Giobal warming is already here. Pension funds should

has given a vote of confidence to the City by deciding to base

its entire corporate finance and equity business in Lon-

following the takeover of City-based investment bank, Klein-

Glaxo Wellcome, Britain's

biggest pharmaceuticals com-pany, said yesterday that it

Rolls-Royce American is to

buy 103 planes with the option

wort Benson.

News in brief

BAe confirms German link

British Aerospace confirmed don, as part of a corporate yesterday that it is joining restructuring programme forces with German indus-trial conglomerates Rhein-metall and Badenwerk to buy STN Atlas Elektronik for 550 million marks (£217 million). STN, a unit of the bankrupt Bremer Vulkan empire, will be 51 per cent owned by the

was paying £354 million to take control of Nippon Glazo, two German groups, with BAe taking 49 per cent. its joint venture with Japan's Shin Nihon Jitsugyo, as part Ibstock yesterday fired its second board director in a week. The dismissal of Anthony Hopkins, who joined the bricks and building products firm only two months ago, over "policy differences" follows the departure last week of the company's former chief execution. Jon Medicillon Opportunity for Rolls

ecutive, Ian Maclellan.

Dresdner backs City of 527 more in a plan to convert Germany's Dresdner Bank | its entire fleet to Boeings.

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By The Guardian economics panel

BUDGET DILEMMA

CHANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke has tried hard to demonstrate that the economy is safe in his hands. The Prime Minister, too, has insisted that the Budget will be "prudent and sensible", but the widespread view is that next year's General Election will dominate Mr Clarke's calculations. Mr Clarke is faced with a dilemma.

If he opts for prudence, which we believe means at least a balanced budget and ideally some fiscal tightening, he will probably still be known as a safe pair of hands. But if the Conservatives lose the election would such an accolade bring much comfort? Mr Clarke might find himself known as "the chancellor who lost the election".

It is doubtful whether his own party will allow him not to cut at least a penny off income tax. He may also widen the 20 per cent band.

He could balance this with £2 billion-£3 billion of spending cuts or clever tweaking of corporate taxation. Income tax cuts win headlines (and, arguably, votes), but companies do not vote.

We believe that Mr Clarke is unlikely to change VAT levels. As a pro-EU minister, he has a ready excuse to alter rates because Britain is out of step with Europe on this levy. But these are Eurosensitive times, and arguing for harmonisation would not win political points. Similarly, the public has spotted the trick of lowering direct personal taxation while raising indirect levels.

On public spending, we would be surprised if there is not more money for health and education. To pay for this, there may be a further squeeze on local authorities and promises of private finance initiative money to counter reductions in capital spending.



White knuckles . . . British people have been taken on a rollercoaster ride by the Tories, but now they're spending again. Can Kenneth Clarke keep his head? PHOTOGRAPH: DON MCPHEE

Danger for Clarke — Britain on a roll

Bronwyn Curtis introduces the Wise Women's view of the Budget and why tax cuts should not be on the agenda -and an interest rate rise should

remarkably good shape — but the Budget next week will not address the fundamental aspects of the public finances because of political demands. Economic growth is stronger than for almost two years and the recovery is likely to

We are more pessimistic about the outlook for inflation - even though the 9.5 per cent appreciation of the

HE Chancellor is port price inflation to some presiding over an extent.

Buoyant consumer spanding means much of the inflation pressure is domestically

generated, and average earn-ings are rising again. Kenneth Clarke is unlikely to meet his inflation target of 2.5 per cent and he ought to raise base rates before the election. A rise from 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent before the election would possibly remove the need for a rise to

at least 7 per cent afterwards. We expect few surprises on trough will dampen down im- get. Despite the public sector

borrowing requirement's recent encouraging revival, there is still a long way to go.

With bodies like the international Monetan Monet tional Monetary Fund warning the Chancellor against loosening fiscal policy, tax cuts should not even be on the agenda - though Mr Clarke

cannot ignore the political

He has, however, little room to do anything dra-matic. Tax cuts costing be-tween £2 billion and £3 billion will be financed largely by spending cuts.

The markets still need to be convinced that whichever party wins the General Elec-tion will be able to deliver the scale of spending cuts that are required if the economy is to nutain lower taxes.

We are sceptical about this, since no party seems pre-pared to face the structural issues, which involve a com-

reflect another round of trimming at the edges of govern-ment expenditure. The Con-servatives have controlled public spending through piecemeel reforms to social se-curity, a squeeze on running costs and a significant reduction in capital expenditure. Inflation has been contin

ually lower than expected, meaning that departments' budgets have gone further than anticipated. In future it will be more difficult to make significant reductions in running costs or capital expenditure. As the economy picks up, the gains from lower than expected inflation are unlikely to persist.

The Conservatives' past curity budget, 45 per cant forecasts for public spending goes to pensioners, 19 per cent growth have been far too low. to families and 25 per cent to

If government spending is to be fundamentally reduced as opposed to cosmetically trimmed, in future years then social security, health and education must verhauled. These three areas accoun

annual increase to date.

for 60 per cent of total spending, compared to less than 50 per cent when the Conservatives came to power in 1979. Both main parties, how-ever, want to deliver real increases in education and bealth and are reluctant to aniagonise some groups who

benefit from social security, in perticular pensioners. Of the 296 billion social se-

fits are related to unemploy ment, and reducing unem-ployment would be the best way to cut social security spending and boost revenue. No government can realistically promise a substantial reduction in memployment on the time scale necessary to meet the next four years' spending targets, let alone on

The Government needs to completely rethink its approach, in much the same way as the Beveridge report did in the 1940s.

We repeat our call for a Royal Commission to debate this and draw up proposals, as this is the only way to achieve real progress with a



Kenneth Clarke at the Treasury

PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH

romises, promises but burden increases

TAX/Top earners feel good but the low-paid are taking the pain. **Penelope** Rowlatt reports.

OR a party which has been promising to reduce the burden of taxation since it first came to power in 1979, the Conservalives have a poor record.
Although income tax rates have fallen since 1978, the av-

erage tax burden has actually risen slightly and also falls more heavily on the less well-The tax burden as a share of GDP is rising and although the current level appears only

slightly above the 1978 share, it is well below the average for the years since 1979. The chart, which includes intal government revenue from the whole range of taxes. shows the peaks and troughs clearly: the only dip below the

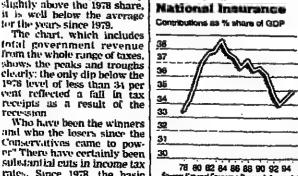
recession
Who have been the winners and who the losers since the Conservatives came to power" There have certainly been substantial cuts in income tax rates. Since 1978, the basic

cent. The temporary low rate of 25 per cent in 1978 was reintroduced and is now 20 per

The highest rate of 83 per cent in 1978 was lowered in 1979 to 80 per cent and the range of higher rates (40 per cent to 60 per cent) was con-tracted to a high of 40 per cent in 1988. But these changes have had surprisingly little effect on income tax revenue because income tax allow-ances and bands have not been adjusted to take account of the growth in GDP.

So whereas in 1978 the reve billion) was about 11 per cent of GDP, the 1995 tax take

Taxes and



rate of income tax has been (£74.7 billion) was less than 10 cut from 33 per cent to 24 per per cent of GDP. The small cent. The temporary low rate impact on the total tax take of income tax reductions has come about partly because other kinds of taxes have

been boosted. Revenue from VAT expres sed as a percentage of GDP has risen substantially, from around 3 per cent in 1978 to nearly 7 per cent in 1995.
This is mainly the result of the increase in the rate, first

from 8 per cent (12.5 per cent higher rate) to 15 per cent when the Conservatives came to power in 1979, then to 17.5 per cent in 1991. It also reflects the increase in the range of goods covered by

The modest fall in the share of income tax has been more than offset by the increases in the take from VAT (with changes in other taxes making up the difference).

Income tax cuts generally benefit high earners (those with an income of £30,000 or above) more than they benefit the poorer sections of society, while expenditure tax rises fall more equally on the rich and the poor. So while the total tax reve

nue as a share of GDP was only slightly higher in 1995 than it was in 1978, the switch from income to expenditure taxes has benefited high earners and hit those on lower

PSBR/Europe's demands should be answered for UK's own good, says Marian Bell

ENNETH Clarke's ability to produce a voter-friendly budget, featuring tax cuts and extra money for health and education, is bampered by the need to lift the public finances further

out of the red. The Chancellor has missed the target he set for reductions of the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) last year, but the Treasury has said he is on course for this year's goal—£27 billion.

As a reportedly pro-mon-etary union Chancellor, Mr Clarke has pledged to put the PSBR on course to hit 3 per cent or less of gross do-mestic product as stipu-lated by the Maastricht Treaty, by the end of 1997. He will not achieve this— unless he is prepared to cut public sector grending and public sector spending and

On current trends, the PSBR is set to reach nearly four per cent of GDP in the fiscal year 1996/97. The general government deficit in the year to September was 4.6 per cent of GDP. It excludes windfall privati-sation receipts and public

which have flattered the PSBR in recent years.

Much of this deficit is

likely to be structural: the country is four years into an economic uptorn, average earnings and inflation are picking up and there are reports of skills shortages. This means that at-tempts to erode the deficit by more rapid growth will be unsustainable. Politicians on all sides

might feel that they can live with the failure to qualify for EMU in 1999, but that would contradict official policy, to keep options on entry open. The council of the Euro-

pean Monetary Institute — to be the EU's central bank helieves that a currency must be in the Exchange Rate Mechanism if it is to join the single currency. Sterling is unlikely to sat-isfy this requirement. Britain will also fall to satisfy the requirement that participating countries should have independent central

banks.

Regardless of Maastricht, the Chancellor should be aiming to get the PSBR down to 3 per cent of GDP or below if Britain's debt to GDP ratio is to be stabilised at around its current 50 per cent level.

This ratio - the one Maastricht rule which Britain already satisfies - is destrable if an increasing burden is not to be placed sation receipts and public on future generations of corporations borrowing tax payers.

Borrowing target | Capital ruse to put off stays out of reach paying bills rumbled

PFI/Handover to private sector may prove costly in long run, **Janette**

Rutterford writes

HE Government is confident that it will meet this year's target for lifting the public finances fur-ther out of the red, having failed to do so last year.
One ruse for cutting spend ing is the Private Finance Initiative, the Government's tor capital projects to the pri-

The private sector pays for capital projects, such as departmental buildings which the Government then leases back. So the Government avoids borrowing to fund infrastructure projects such as hospitals, swapping increases in the PSBR for payments which do not begin until a project is complete and services are delivered. In recent years, there has been a real decrease in gov-

ernment capital expenditure, with further reductions pro-

the real decrease in publicly

tor capital projects to the private sector.

The PPI buffles business as well as civil servants and, four years after its birth, still suffers teething problems. But it is here to stay — whichever party wins the election — because in theory it shifts capital spending and high risk costs off the public balance sheet.

The private sector pays for

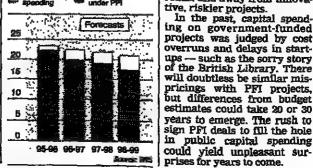
funded capital spending.

Tax cuts announced next week will doubtless be partly funded by further cuts in cap-ital spending, perhaps hidden by an upwardly revised PFI announced at the same time.

But the PFI is not cost-free. Unlike the Government, private firms cannot fund projects at the long-term gilt rate. Even with simple projects, such as bridges, it has been estimated that private 1%-2% per cent above the long glit yield on the debt portion

of the funding. Future govern-ments will find their pay-Public-sector capital spending

Ebn 1996 prices



jected even assuming PFI targets are achieved, as the chart shows. This has led to the criticism that the main government objective is to mask money can compensate for tive of boosting value for money can compensate for the additional costs of capital spending. Another argument for PFI is that some risks as well as returns are trans-

ferred to the private sector. However, not all the risks are being transferred. If the costs of refurbishing the Lon-don Underground Northern Line are much higher than expected, travellers will pay through increased fares.

If hospital services provided by the private sector be-

come obsolete, the Govern-ment will bear the policy risk of changes in health-provi-sion needs. By tying guaran-teed payments on PFI con-tracts to outputs rather than inputs, the Government may lock in much higher payments for obsolete services.

There is already anxiety that the PFI may skew investment into standard types of spending, such as bridges and roads, and away from innova-

tive, riskier projects.
In the past, capital spending on government-funded projects was judged by cost overruns and delays in startups — such as the sorry story of the British Library. There will doubtless be similar mis-pricings with PFI projects, but differences from budget estimates could take 20 or 30 years to emerge. The rush to sign PFI deals to fill the hole in public capital spending

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New recruit . . . Pamela Meadows PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JERGES

Newcomer offers employment expertise

Sarah Ryle

PAMELA Meadows, director of the Policy Studies Institute, is joining the Guardian's team of leading fenale economists.

Having worked at the De-partment of Employment. where she became chief economic adviser, Ms Meadows, aged 47, will add a special knowledge of labour market

issues. She said: "I am particularly interested in employment pol-lcy and also in the wider issues of the future of welfare state funding. The debate about the role that the welfare state should play in the next century is a very important

number of panelists to six | cent, no higher than it was 25 after two members were selected by Chancellor Kenneth Clarke to join his team of independent economic advisers - a measure of the impact the Guardian's forum

The panel aims to move beyond narrow forecasting to discuss strategic issues facing the UK economy. It also seeks to show that the tendency to typecast the economics pro-fession as a man's world is based on a misconception.

Ms Meadows said fears that

women are under-represented in the field are well founded. The Royal Economics Society is concerned that it is still a male-dominated profession and the proportion of women

years ago."

• Guardian panel member

Bronwyn Curtis was appointed deputy managing di-rector and chief economist at the Nomura Research Institute this week. She joins the group from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, where she was global head of foreign exchange and fixed-income strategy.
The other Wise Women are:

Dr Ann Robinson, directorgeneral of the National Association of Pension Funds; Professor Janette Rutterford, Abbey National professor of finance at the Open University, Dr Penelope Rowlatt, director of National Rco-nomic Research Associates; and Marian Bell, treasury me."
undergraduates studying ecoeconomist at the Royal Bank
for appointment brings the nomics at university is 20 per

。Becker in celebration semi-final

Stephen Bierley in Hanover

N AN atmosphere more N AN aunosphere more suited to boxing than ten-nis, Boris Becker yester-day earned his place in tomorrow's ATP World

five per cent of his ATP Tour seemed to open for Sampras. earnings this year, excluding Grand Slams — about \$50,000 to give the world No. 1 three five per cent of his ATP Tour earnings this year, excluding Grand Slams — about \$50,000 (630,000) — for failing to turn up for Monday's draw; he should have been charged with false pretences after losing 6-2, 6-1 to Sampras on Wednesday when blatantly not trying. If, when he arrived here, he had admitted the was ill and produced a doctor's certificate he might have tor's certificate he might have elicited a little sympathy instead of whistles of derision

stead of whistles of derision as he limped off home.

Fortunately the Becker-Sampras match was the proper focus of the day's proceedings, anticipation whetted by their battle in Stuttgart last month which Becker Becker ability to save himself when it since Wimbledon, when he American might square the

edged 6-4 in the fifth set.
Since Wimbledon, when he seriously injured his right hand, Becker has played a set Indeed it came as a surstrictly limited amount of ten-nis and he arguably entered this tournament fresher than anyone. The crowd of 15,000 literally shook the Festballe with their support.

Both men have won this title twice since its inception in 1990 and there is every possibility they will meet again in Sunday's final. Everyone
in Germany believes that
Becker is the world No. 1, no
matter what the ATP ranksmoothly into a 4-0 lead. Sam-

ings show. So fast and furious was the action that there was barely time for breath. Sampras.

held his serve to love in the opening game and then imme-diately had two chances to break Becker.

The German responded with a meteoric shower of aces and the early chance for Sampras was gone. He knew tomorrow's ATP World Championship semi-finals with a fluctuating palpitating straight-sets victory over Pete Sampras, the world No. 1. Today is the German's 29th birthday.

It was red-blooded stuff yesterday, far removed from the anaemic exit of Andre Agassi the day before.

Sampras was gone. He knew what he was up against when the crowd applauded one of the sown service errors, although an admonishing world from the umpire and a baleful stare from the American quietened the Kop end a little.

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Becker continued to struggle to hold his serve for much of the first set and in the day before.

Agassi was belatedly fined the 10th game the door

were performing to the opti-mum of their ability and the

American might square the match and take it into a third prise to just about everyone when Becker finally did lose his serve to go 5-4 down.

But Becker never knows when he is besten. Sampras immediately dropped his own serve for the first time and a second tie-break followed. Becker reached into his bag

and pulled out a new racket. pras, nothing if not a fighter himself, managed to pull the tie-break score back to 5-3 but Becker was in no mood to concentration personified, allow him back in.



Refreshed Sanchez Vicario enjoys thrill of the Chase

Chris Bowers in New York

ARANTXA Sanchez Vicario, who since Wimbledon had seemed to be losing ground at the top of the women's game, announced her presence as a potential champion here with a sharp and disciplined performance to beat Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in the first round of the Chase Championships. She maintained her concentration throughout her 6-4, 7-6 victory, and in particular

she kept her cool in the break when a backhand pass that would have given her a 5-2 lead was called out on an overrule by the umpire Douna if Butler. After a gentle glance of disbelief in Butler's direction she won three of the next four with whom she is playing she won three of the next four with whom she is playing to the last time. The Czech, a winner of three tournaments in the past five was impressive in beat-

beach and did nothing except Novotna, who likewise has months seems more popular, water-skiing, jet-skiing and had a lengthy break in the past having fun with my friends. 12 months, and Sanchez are months off," said Sanchez.

she kept her cool in the tie-break when a backhand pass that would have given her a physically and mentally, and sleep is out with a shoulder

problem, Steffi Graf is nursing her latest back strain, and the No. 4 seed Conchita Martinez needed treatment to a hamstring muscle during ber firstround win against Judith Wiesner. Martinez called for a three-month off season to help players recover from the stresses of the tour. Two

Racing

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McCoy top of the class with fastest century

ONY McCOY scored the ony McCOY scored the fastest calendar date century in jumping history at Warwick yesterday when winning on Class of Ninetytwo, beating Peter Scudamore's previous record by

29 days.

But with the jump season now starting two months earlier, McCoy, who rode his first winner at Perth on June 6, has in fact taken longer and had more rides — 331 as against 290 — than

It is still a wonderful feat particularly as McCoy, 22, is in only his third season having arrived from Ireland to try his luck here in August

After reaching his 100 winners, McCoy said he will appeal against the three-day whip ban (Nov 28-30) that he received at Newton Abbot on

Tuesday.

McCoy was originally apprenticed to Jim Bolger on the Flat but increasing weight prompted a switch to jumping and it was Toby Balding who gave the lad from County An-trim his first rides.

"I owe a lot to Mr Balding who got me going," said McCoy. "I can't believe I've got to a hundred — three years ago I couldn't get a hun-

know he'd like me to go for the record (221 held by Scudamore). Peter was an unbelievable rider and it is fantastic to beat the total he set but I'd like to stay in one piece to start with. Then after Chel-tenham we'll have to see." McCoy was champion con-ditional rider in his first year

with 74 wins and char jockey last year with 175 victories. He modestly puts his phenomenal success down to luck but it is his non-stop driving — both on the course and on the roads — that is the

key.
When he is not rousting a
horse he is behind the wheel of his car and this is literally life in the fast lane. How long he can maintain it is the big question and he

will have to guard against early burn out. He began yesterday needing two winners and after failing

on two favourites finally scored on Dromhana for Paul Nicholls in the Shirley Maiden Chase.

Dromhana was making his fencing debut but jumped soundly — a hallmark of McCoy's mounts — and ran

on to beat The Shy Padre by two lengths.

The century came up on Class of Ninetytwo who made

ears ago I couldn't get a hun-red rides.

"Dave Roberts, my agent, same margin.

Double chance for Maguire

ALL eyes will be on Tony
McCoy at Ascot this
afternoon, taking a fresh
guard and getting his head
Large Action is likely to down in pursuit of a double century, but he may find winners hard to come by. writes Chris Hawkins.

Adrian Maguire could be the jockey to follow and ap-pears to have double pros-pects at least on Castle Sweep and Storm Alert. Castle Sweep (2.40), very

pose a big threat. Large Action has been off

the course with leg trouble but is reported to be plenty

fit enough.
Storm Alert (3.10), from
the in-form David Nicholson's stable, won over this earlier this month when beating Big Matt by a neck impressive on his reappearance at Chepstow, attempts to consolidate his Chamber Handicap Chase.

Ascot with guide to the form

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201530 GREEK NIGHT OUT (18) (20) J Eyrs 5-9-7 SSSSS CODE RED (6) W Midt 3-9-6 ...

Beging: 7-2 Code Red. 4-1 Our Man Man, 9-2 Peop D Day, 5-1 Compass Pointer, 18-1 Tagatay, Drame King, 12-1 Classic Romanco.

• Morstock's victory in the Tote Betting Shop Handicap Hurdle at Wincanton yesterday maintained trainer Ron Hodges's winner-a-day record for the week. Tom Dascombe, who rode Morstock, completed a double when Koo's Promise had the race presented to her when Second Call, ridden by Richard Dunwoody, fell at the final fence when well clear in the Tattersalls Maiden Chase.

Results

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1.30 (2m Histo) 1, WAYFARERS WAY, M A Fitzperald (4-1); 2, Catharo (25-1); 3, Ashter 193 (4-6 tav), 5 ran. 13, 1%, (4 Handerson) Tote: 55.00; \$1.20, £9.20, Dual F. \$23.70. CSF: \$27.78.

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2.50 (24m 1f Cinju 1, ANDRE LAVAL, C C Duryer (8-4): 2, Bestgrapsine (11-2): 2, Ratingber Castle (10-30): 6-4 For La Mellio. 4 ran 18, 4, (K Balley) Toto: 12.20: 12.10. Dust F: 19.20. CSF: 171.56. NRI: Flashthetash, Mr Invador, Tug of Peace.
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3.30 (25m Capi 1, KOOP'S PROMISSE, T Descombe (8-1): 2, Bridepark Reseaux (17-4): 3, Up The Tengon (16-1). 4-2 for Second Call. 4 ran. Ng. dist. (C Popham) Toto: 12.10. Dust F: 19.50. CSF: 128.26. NRI: Guinds.



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190-245 ELA MARI HOWA (27) A Balley 5-10-12 ...

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Soccer

David Lacey on the European frailties of the man who would be king of Old Trafford

Cantona given a French lesson

Cantona was the greatest footballer since Pele. The statement seemed a mite exgrossness of the exaggeration only became fully apparent on Wednesday night when Manchester United made a habit of

losing at home in Europe.

For in the game against Juventus, far from being the greatest since Pele, Cantona was the third-best Frenchman in a field of three, and a poor third at that. He was utterly upstaged by Zinedine Zidane, whose influence was only seriously challenged by Ryan Giggs; and Didler Deschamps also did enough to close the case for Cantona being restored to the French Against the bewilderment of

French critics that Cantona is rated so highly here. Wednes-day's match showed why opinions are so sharply divided. His achievements for Man-chester United are undeniable. His astute footballing brain, his ability to drift into

unmarked spaces and find the angle and weight of pass to

confuse defences, and his spectacular acceptance of scoring opportunities did much to win United the Premiership in 1993 and 1994. Last season, on returning to the side after the eight-month Selhurst Park, he played in a cocoon of self-restraint but still managed to find the net with a consistency that eventually undid the championship aspi-rations of Newcastle United.

George Graham, when he was managing Arsenal ob-

F THE memory is right, mored by Aimé Jacquet has to the man for big occasions. of songs and flags, most of front of goal an illusion is all babbee, prove to be the shot songeone somewhere be set the puzzlement of This judgment was a mite gib which bore his unmistakable it ever was.

After watching matches like ter-finals. and the goals Cantona scored at Newcastle and Wembley last season, which were fundamental to United's comple tion of a unique second league and FA Cup double, would ap-pear to refute Graham's view.

Cantona, however, has yet to

bestride the larger interna-tional stages, and Wednesday night was a case in point. Even allowing for his present loss of form he seemed unable to res-pond to the greater challenge. This was not his worst performance in Europe, but against Juventus Alex Ferguson needed something extraordinary from his French-man and again he did not get it. Cantona may be carrying a slight hip injury but the flaw runs deeper than that.

For him it was the perfect

setting: Old Trafford had rea-ponded to the manager's plea for more passion with a flesta

He wasted three opportuni-

way. In the second half Giggs, using his speed to exploit space behind Torricelli, peeded a foil in the middle for the threat he was posing to the Juventus defence on the left But Cantona could not provide one and neither could Ole Solskjaer, a less experienced lightweight.

As a result even though Ju-ventus were pressed back for much of the second half, United achieved little of significance in their opponents' penalty area. A succession of crosses and long shots pre-served the illusion of a recovery, Dei Piero's penalty having given the European champions a half-time lead,

this the thought occurs that al-though United have every these before clipping the Juven-tus crossbar with the most difficult chance that came his tona, the opposite also applies. For in Ferguson and United the Frenchman found the one combination of manager and club prepared to allow his talent free rein while accepting his idiosyncrasies. As a footballer in England

Cantona is like Kipling's man who would be king, a senior NCO accepted as a god by natives who have never seen anything quite like him. As a 10-franc philosopher he recalls 10-franc philosopher he recalls
Peter Sellers's gardener in
Being There — except that
against Juventus he wasn't.
It would be deeply ironic
should the goal scored by
Cantons in Istanbul, in his
best Champions League

ning margin, compared with the 1-0 victory with which Fenerbance ended United's 40-year-old unbeaten Euro pean record at Old Trafford, will take Ferguson's men through if the teams finish level on points behind Juventus, the Group C winners.

All that needs to happen is for Juventus to beat Fener-bance in Turin in a fort-night's time while United avoid defeat away to Rapid Vienna Rapid are out of it but with each victory worth around \$800,000 in bonuses they still have something to play for.

"Juventus will try as hard as possible to beat Fener-bance," said the Italian club's coach Marcello Lippi. But what his players feel like on

QPR swoop for £2.5m Spencer

night moved down the ision when he ended his increasingly unhappy Chelsen days by signing for Queens Park Rangers for £2.5 million, a record for the Loftus Road club.

The diminutive Scottish innent among the discontented players at Ruud Gullit's Chelton's first signing for the First Division club.

Spencer, 26, was Chelsea's top scorer last season with 13 Premiership goals. But this season he has been frozen out as Gullit has chosen Gianluca Vialli to partner Mark

A £450,000 signing from Rangers in 1992, Spencer has made only three starts this season - all in the Coca-Cola Cup - with four Premiership

ment as Australia's coach has received a thumbs-down from more than half the national Little is unlikely to star league coaches, who believe the post should have gone to a local candidate.

A poll in yesterday's sydney Morning Herald Yorke, who is playing for revealed that eight of the 14 league coaches were against the choice of Vanables. Four backed it and two were

"I think it's a slap in the face for all the local coaches who have worked so hard to said Adelaide City's John Nyskohus. A former Austra-lia coach, Frank Arok, now with Gippsland Falcons, said Venables was not "a team

Venables will take control of the Australia side for the first time in a four-nation tournament against Norway, South Korea and New Zealand in January.

Aston Villa's manager the forward from Lincoln for Brian Little has told his \$450,000 a year ago.

Tony Cascarino, without a striker Savo Milosevic that he has no automatic right to a Terry Venables's appoint- regular first-team place even season, may move to Caen.

Little is unlikely to start Milosevic in tomorrow's game at Coventry even though Villa will be without

Little also insists his influential midfielder Mark Draper is not for sale, despite reported interest from several Premiership clubs including

jury-troubled former England midfielder, is poised for his first start in 20 months against his former club Crystal Palace at Selburst Park

tomorrow. Gordon Strachan will today complete his first transfer as Coventry's manager by signing Darren Huckerby, 20, from Newcastle for £1 million. It provides a handsome profit for Newcastle, who bought

senior game for Marseille this

Why Bull is Wolves' own loyalty bonus City. "It was called that be Peter White on cause sometimes people would their way around because it was such a maze." he says. As a youngster, kicking a tin can around the streets of the a rare striker's 10th Molineux anniversary A time when many

footbellers can hardly wait for their contracts to expire so that they and their agents can negotiate a lucrative move, Steve Bull's attitude to his be-

loved Wolverhampton Wanderers is a breath of fresh air. Rather than search for pas-tures new, knowing that a transfer would bring a financial reward that most people only dream about, Bull is working overtime trying to convince his Wolves manager Mark McGhee that he should stay at Molineux for the rest

The message appears to be getting through. The 31-yearold striker's contract runs out next summer and McGhee is talking of extending it by two realises how special is the he has received in a Wolves love affair between Bull, the career that has spanned 477

club and the supporters.
The relationship was forged 10 years ago this week when Ron Saunders, then West Bromwich's manager, de-cided that the raw young striker would never be good enough for regular senior football at The Hawthorns and happily offloaded him for

Arguably it was one of the biggest errors of judgment in the English game. But McGhee's predecessor Graham Taylor ran it close 18 months ago when he accepted a £1.5 million offer from Coventry for the prolific goal-scorer. Amid a storm of protest from Wolves fans that Taylor had even considered selling their cult hero, Bull flatly rejected the move. Taylor was never forgiven. "I always wanted to stay at Wolves, if only for the sup-porters," Bull says. "There has never been a temptation to leave, there is no reason why I should want to go. The fans are tremendous and the

club has a good family spirit.
There is no way I am pre-pared to give up all that."
Bull is a throwback to the days when loyalty was com-monplace in the English monplace in the English game. He has never been one to venture far. Even in an England career that brought four goals from 13 appearances but only four starts, he could hardly wait to return to his native Black Country. He admits that even a move to London would terrify him. "I would feel out of my death

Lost City, be dreamed of join-ing the paid ranks of the sport he adored. But when be had an operation after injuring a knee playing for Tipton Town, the surgeon said the injury was so had that he could never hope

to play professionally.

Bull soon proved him wrong. The determined striker was pittcked off a building site and invited to join West Bromwich, where six senior appearances brought him the first three goals of his illustrious career. His move to Molineux coin-cided with a dark day; he watched from the stand as Wolves, then a struggling Fourth Division side, were knocked out of the FA Cup by non-League Chorley. The only

way was up.

Despite the hero-worship

in a Wolves

Bull has no favourite goal and grins: 'They've all been good'

matches and brought an in-credible 279 goals, he remains level-headed. "I have no time for prima donnas. I would tell that sort to go and work in a warehouse for a couple of weeks, then they would realise how lucky they were.
They would not believe just how hard the work is for a lot less money. If I had started they have been a second to be a less than a le slacking I could have ended up back in a builder's vard or warehouse. That was all the incentive I needed."

Bull claims he has no favourite goal and adds with a grin: "They have all been good; I still get a buzz out of seeing the ball hit the back of the net." He still yearns to play in the Premiership but is confident he can achieve his

ambition with Wolves.
But for the time being the man who says his luxuries in man who says his luxuries in life are "sweets and cakes, the occasional game of golf and owning my own home" is just happy to keep scoring goals. The next target is 300.

Built now lives a few miles

London would terrify him. "I would feel out of my depth there, mixing with different people with different attitudes. It would scare me stiff."

His upbringing may be significant here. He was born and raised in an area of Tipton called Ocker Hill but referred to locally as the Lost backed on to one another!" up the road in Cannock, the

Arguing Argyle stunned by £3.5m takeover bid

LYMOUTH Argyle, the club torn by a rift between their millionaire chairman Dan McCauley and their manager Neil Warnock, who yesterday delivered a buy-players-or-l-leave ultimatum, have received a £3.5 million takeover approach from a business consortium.

The bid is reportedly led by a London leisure group which already has footballing interests and it has the support of Plymouth City Council, which owns Argyle's Home Park ground. "It is a genuine hid not bestife" courses and bid, not hostile," sources say.
"It is perfectly legitimate. The and this bid has its best inter-

The club, presently con-trolled by McCauley's engi-neering and property invest-ment group Rotolok, admitted last night that they had received an approach but the chief executive Roger Matthews insisted that McCauley - whose 76 per cent stake in

interested in selling.

two approaches to us through a finance agency," said Mat-thews. "On behalf of Mr McCauley, I thanked them for their interest and rejected both offers, as the club is not

Sources close to the consortium said last night that Argyle's huge potential support the club brought a record 30,000 followers to Wembley for the 1-0 win over Darlington in May's Third Division play-off final — made it one of the few clubs of solid commer-cial potential outside the Premier League. The bitter and highly pub-

lic dispute between Warnock and McCauley has paralysed Argyle this season. Although the club plan to move in 1999 to a new £25 million 23,000 McAlpine Stadium, Argyle supporters are more con-

McCauley, whose company has loaned several million pounds to Argyle since taking over four years ago, claims Warnock has overspent and that there is no new money available to invest in players. But the supporters, who have taken out advertisements in local papers on match days to show their dismay at McCauley's approach, say the Pilgrims may drop straight back into the Third

Division unless signings are made.

The row has already unsettled Ronnie Mange, who scored the winning goal against Darlington at Wembley but now wants to leave because his recent request for an improved contract was

rejected by McCauley. Yesterday Warnock himself threatened to resign unless he received McCauley's full seat multi-sports complex backing. Warnock, who is similar to Huddersfield's Plymouth's 19th manager in just over 30 years, said McCauley had a simple cerned about matters on the choice between buying play-pitch and are critical of ers or seeing the club playing non-League football by end of the century.



The striking years



season by season

Rugby League

Schofield wins writers' Order of Merit

Paul Fitzpatrick

GARRY SCHOFIELD, the in 1994, made 46 appearances for Great Britain sharing the stand-off and captain, last stand-off and captain, last night received the Rugby Chly Sullivan scored more League Writers' Order of Test tries, 41 to Schofield's 31. Merit award for services to

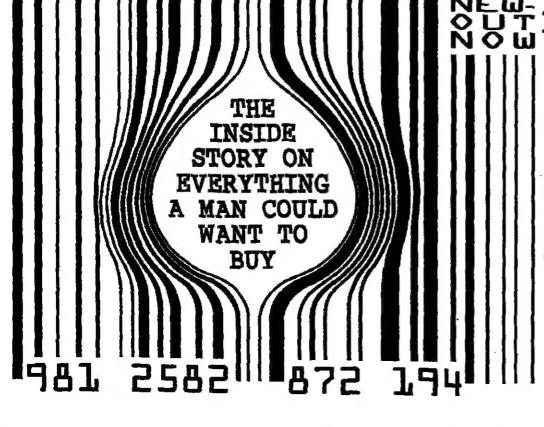
Now 31, he began an out-standing career at Hull, where as a teenage centre he scored 38 tries in his first season. He joined Leeds in 1987,

Huddersfield Giants this | Britain Academy side to New Schofield, awarded an OBE to excite the attention of big-

ger clubs. Salford Reds have already expressed interest.
Leeds yesterday signed an
undisclosed five-figure
sponsorship deal with the

Gary Broadbent, the 20year-old Widnes full-back, has
been granted a transfer
request and placed on the list
at £70,000. He had been demanding an improvement to
his contract, which has 18
months to run.

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God chain McDonald's. The
club also hope to announce
next week the result of their
search for a new name — a
task which has been left to
the fans. More than 100 names
have been suggested but the
six shortlisted are Loiners. playing many of his games for them at stand-off, and moved to the First Division club cessful tour with the Great have been suggested but the Six shortlisted are Lolners, Lions, Knights, Rhinos, Sharks and Bobcats.





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Robert Armstrong

pinned on the debut

national against lialy at Twickenham it will be the most eagerly awaited England debut for years. Many believe the 23-year-old Newcastle full-back is the closest

tries at the expense of London Scottish, one of the better-or-

ganised sides in League Two.
His opening score, which
came at the end of a 60-metre
sprint, was the kind of jet-

heeled event that would go

down a treat if repeated be-fore the try-starved England

supporters. Stimpson's vital statistics,

6ft 3in and 15st 7lb, give the

Durham University graduate

the physical presence of a back-row forward to complement his subtler three-quarter's skills. More impor-

tantly, moving to a successful

side has given him the confidence to be a winner.

Stimpson has blossomed

since putting what he calls

Peter Ward in Dubai

and at times hot tem-pers — marked the

opening day of the Rugby

World Cup Qualifying Sevens Tournament in Dubai. The

temperature nudged towards 90F, and it was in those condi-

tions that Wales met Zimbabwe, tipped beforehand as one

points, Wales turned lethar-

gic against the African nation

and at one stage even trailed them 12-14. Wales seemed to

let the tension get to them.

Sport in brief

in the England-China series.

Bob Cottam, Warwickshire's

as a bowling consultant.

Badminton

Hockey

but with little or no interven-tion from the referee it would be unfair to name names.

all, and Scott Nichol claimed 39 points with a combination of tries and goals.

of the matches of the day. After trampling all over Singapore with 13 tries and 77

HEN Tim Stimp-son steps out for tomorrow's inter-national

on the high hopes

of Tim Stimpson

Meet the new

Serge Blanco

England shirt

castle full-back is the closest England have come to producing another Serge Blanco.

Ignoring the tradition of missing the game before an international debut, Stimpson last Saturday underlined his commitment to Newcastle's promotion challenge by scoring a spectacular hat-trick of the series of the team."

Though Stimpson can kick goals as well as score tries, that task for England falls to his predecessor as full-back, Mike Catt, who has moved to serves as goalkicker, which means Jack Rowell is unlikely to ask Stimpson to kick for England should Catt have

Norman back in command but Tiger by the tail

TIGER WOODS walked from the 9th green to the 10th tee at Sydney's The Australian club yesterday he was confronted by four grinning young men with beer cans in their hands. almost certainly not their first of the day. As Woods approached, the drinkers chanted: "Go, Tiger, Go" followed by a loud "Grrrrr".

It was good-humoured stuff

but the wrong time and place, and Woods was not amused. He had just gone to the turn in 41, five over par, and was trying to gather himself for the difficult back nine. He walked past the youths - all of about his own age, 20 stony-faced. Nor did he succeed in tight-

ening his game. He did man-age to birdie the last hole, but only to break 80 by a single shot to finish with a disastrous 79. This put him 12 shots behind the tournament leader and defending champion, Greg Norman.

Maybe it was because of Norman's early tee-time of 8.30 or more likely because spectators were saving them-selves for Woods, who did not start until the afternoon, but have been watched by so few Australians in Australia. And they missed the Shark back and biting.

Ever since his ignominious last-round collapse which allowed Nick Faldo to win the US Masters at Augusta, Nor-man has been at best letharelse, having discovered an overwhelming interest in golf-course design. Yesterday. though, he said that he was back in the mood. "I haven't had 18 holes of pure concentration and focus for a long long time," he admitted

There were six birdies in his round, a three-putt bogey at the 10th and only one mis take. "I tried to kill my drive at the 18th," he explained. "I wanted 10 extra yards." He didn't get them and failed to get the birdie that most of the rest of the field achieved on this hole, a par-five of only

522 yards. Woods showed maturity in agreeing to a press interview after his 79, and refused to make any course-side incimake any course-side inci-dents an excuse. Nor did he claim jet lag when he might well have done, admitting simply that he could find no rhythm at all. "It was a day when the good shots were had and the had were horrible," he said. "I just didn't string anything together." anything togethe

Some interesting Tigertrivia: his drive at the 13th, measured by laser, travelled aged 342 yards and at the 18th, into the wind, it was 315 yards. But still he took 79.

Three Europeans were on the leader-board. Klas Eriksson, a Swede who kept his player's card by finishing fifth in his final tournament in Europe, the Oki Pro-Am in Madrid, was one shot behind Norman on four under. Gary Evans and David Howell were jointly fourth on two under.

Unqualified misery for Way as 183 fight for 40 Euro Tour spots

PAUL WAY's hopes of grande venue is Hertford-shire's Brian Davis (65). Tour place he lost this season dipped when he scored a nine-over-par 81 at San Roque as the 108-hole Qualifying School tournament began yesterday in Spain. writes Michael Britten.

orties Michael Britien.
The Tonbridge 33-yearold, who helped win the
Ryder Cup in 1985, trails a
field led by the Australian
Matthew Goggin on 67. The
leader at the nearby Soto-

shire's Brian Davis (65). Way, one of nine out-of-form tournament winners in 183 men chasing 40 berths on the 1997 circuit, last needed to visit this School in 1981. "I was dreadful and I don't know what is going on," he said yesterday. "I have lost my confidence. It's

a nightmare. The big Scot Gordon Sherry started soundly with 69 at San Roque.



First ${f Tim}$ for Rogland \dots Stimpson combines the build of a back-row forward and the skills of a three-quarter

version perhaps nine or 10 times a game. The anxiety that arises from missed goa kicks has caused many Test players to freeze.

and I can just go out and con-centrate on my own game.
"When you've got people like Gary Armstrong, Nick Popplewell, Tony Underwood, Dean Ryan and Rob Andrew taking major decisions and

creating a positive atmosphere, you're certain to reap the benefit whether you're playing in a league match or in your first international.

"I'm not afraid to try things

or to make the occasional mistake because I know I can

count on solid back-up from the rest of the team."

to withdraw with an injury. The England coach did ask

Andrew to make sure Stimp-

son got in some quick kicking practice but the duty roster

on Tyneside stays unchanged. Indeed, it is fair to say that

the delicate chemistry of Stimpson's free-flowing style

would be threstened were he

forced to undertake the rigor-ous mental discipline of try-

ing to kick a penalty or a con-

Stimpson says that goal-kicking "would not be a problem" yet he is happy to be third choice behind Catt and Will Carling, who can claim

doubling up the roles of fullback and goalkicker. Previously England had success during the Geoff Cooks era thanks to the prolific boot of Simon Hodgrinson followed rounded by internationals by Jonathan Webb and,

waies tum up the gas

Wales recovered to win 31-14 their rhythm had gone and their lack of tries relegated

them to third place in the ranking list behind South Af-

Scotland had a field-day, scoring 13 tries in their open-

scoring 13 tries in their open-ing match against Zambia and nine in their 59-5 win over Yugoslavia to take an unassailable position at the top of the rankings. The day's outstanding player was James Craig, who showed a remarkable turn of speed in both matches. He helped him-self to nine Scottish tries in all and Scott Nichol claimed

Country Club course outside

Cape Town to score 11 birdies between them in compiling a 136 total, eight under par.

Association's full-time women's chief coach.

were beaten in the semi-finals of the World Open Champion-

Real Tennis

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Peter Knowles, defending his men's singles title, reached the quarter-finals of the Scottish Open in Glasgow yesterday, earning himself the chance of revenge in the process, urites Richard Jago. The England No. 2 outplayed Tryggvi Nielsen of Iceland and Scotland's Jim Mailer to set up a last-eight encounter with Ji Xing-Peng of China, with Ji Xing-Peng of China, Association's full-time Association's full-time Revenue and the process. He is to become the Amateur Rowing 7, 12 Janier 12, 12 Janier 13, 12 Janier 13, 12 Janier 14, 12 Janier 15, 12

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game," he said.

priefly, Jonathan Callard. | knock-on effect on decision- | character of the modern game | that's a privileged position t Each member of that trio had making, even subconsciously, grooved his technique like a is incalculable."

Rowell's restless quest for a dynamic No. 15 who can cre-ate counter-attacks and also

places greater responsibility on the full-back. "You must always keep your eye on the opposition's fly-half, anticipete what he's going to do and if possible get there first. Never let the ball bounce if you can help it and never waste the chance to turn possession into pressure. session into pressure.
"You have to combine the

The Italians had better be lieve it; the England selectors

already do.

With all 21 of tomorrow squad yet to sign contracts with the RFU, the new cap-tain Phil de Glanville has again urged the RFU and English Professional Rugby Union Clubs to sort out their political differences. "The squad is in a difficult position at the moment," de Glanville said. "We've had talks with the RFU and Epruc and we

berians on December 7.

Duncan Mackay

ONATHAN EDWARDS failed to win the Olympic gold medal in Atlanta but he

is still the best triple jumper in the world, according to the

American publication Track & Field News.
In a surprising decision, the magazine has put the world champion and record

holder at the top of its end-of-

year rankings ahead of Kenny Harrison of the United States, who won the Olympic title with a jump of 18.09 metres,

the longest in the world in

Though acknowledging Harrison's acknowledging Harrison's acknowledging Harrison's acknowledging Track & Field said: "Edwards had only two lapses in 17 meets and had a 5-2 record

against his American rival."
To athletes, the rankings are important because they

determine whether there will

be a bonus from shoe spon-sors. As a No. 1, Edwards will

receive \$10,000 (£6,000) from

Puma. Other British athletes who can expect a cheque are Roger Black and Denise Lewis, ranked third in the 400 metres and the heptathlon

few knocks in my career but I don't think there's

enough time for me to bounce back from this," he

said. His last game could be

Cricket

Tour match: Victoria v England A

White heat line-up Campese, 34, em-phasised that he did not warms A team want to be selected for the tour finale against the Bar-

Andy Wilson in Melbourne

HE locals were reclaiming Craig White and Adam Hollioake as two of their own after a freezing first day at the Optus Oyal. White, born in Yorkshire but educated in the Victorian gold-mining town of Bendigo, ended eight short of a cen-tury and linked up with his captain, who moved to Surrey from Ballarat at the age of 12, in a fifth-wicket partnership of 94 that left England A well

They had been put in by Tony Dodemaide, the former Sussex all-rounder who was captaining Victoria in the absence of Shane Warne, and lost Michael Vaughan, Tony McGrath and Owais Shah for 59. Vaughan was caught behind immediately after the first of four stoppages caused by frequent showers; McGrath went ibw to the Test paceman Damien Frieming, impressive on his return from a thigh injury; and Shah was unlucky when his firm push stuck in the hands of short leg. But Mark Butcher continued his excellent form with a fifth half-century in eight innings, and after he had been brilliantly stumped down the leg side by Peter Roach. White and Hollioake seized

the chance to show the Vics what they have been missing.

Although he was born in Melbourne, Hollioake's cricketing education has been almost entirely English. By contrast White came through the Victorian junior ranks with Bendigo and as a teenager turned down the chance to play regularly at the Optus Oval when he signed for Hawthorn. He then joined the Australian Academy and, a year

after moving back to York-shire, played two Sheffield Shield games for Victoria in 1990. At 27, he is the third-oldest in the party behind Peter Such and Warren Hegg but is

justifying the selectors' belief that he may still have some-thing to offer the full England team. He seemed on the verge of a breakthrough when he broke down in Peshawar dur-ing the World Cup last win-ter, but had a reasonably successful summer with the bat for Yorkshire and, although he has yet to produce a decent bowling performance on this tour, both here and in Ade-laide he has looked good enough to be a Test No. 6. Whereas Butcher was made to graft almost three hours for his 50, White needed only 80 balls. He got off the mark with a pair of excellent pulls for four and was especially sav-

age on Brad Stacey and Brad Hodge, leg-spinner and offspinner respectively, who struggled to control a wet ball in finger-numbing conditions which would even have tested Warne. Even White needed some

luck, however. He was dropped on 85 by Michael Foster at midwicket and much earlier, on 45, by Fleming on

Total (for 4, 80 overs) _______231
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Bewitings Fleming 16-8-27-1; Saker
14-2-36-1; Dodomaids 19-5-3-1; Harya-14-1-35-0; Slacey 10-1-50-0; Nodge
4-0-15-1; Harper 3-0-13-0

Doull's pace rocks Pakistan

TWENTY wickets fell on whose sore shoulder may also the first Test's opening rule him out of the short day in Lahore yesterday, with series' other Test — dis-a remarkable four-wicket missed New Zealand for 155. spell by New Zealand's Simon Earlier Waqar Younis's Doull reducing Pakistan to 52 pace and Mushtaq Ahmed's for five when bad light ended leg-spin each claimed four

play 10 overs early.

The fast bowler had already figured in an invaluable 38run 10th-wicket stand with hours to make 19 including a at the Grand Prix final in Dipak Patel as Pakistan — 51-run stand with the Kiwis' Milan. | 51-run stand with the Kiwis' without Wasim Akram, top scorer Adam Parore (37).

the "nightmare experience" of last season's 18 Courage league defeats with West only a 50 per cent strike rate for Harlequins this season. But all that might change if Catt fails to establish an ac-ceptable success ratio. Hartlepool behind him and becoming a full-time

"It was a real weight off my shoulders after months of worrying about everyone else break the tradition of as captain as well as my own performance as a player," he admitted after another twohour England squad session at Bisham Abbey this week. "Now [at Newcastle] I'm surgolf swing. Don Rutherford, the RFU's director of rugby, who won 16 England caps at full-back dur-

ing the Sixties, has no doubt that Stimpson will benefit from having the burden of goalkicking removed. 'Kick-ing goals is bound to have some effect on the rest of your "If they're going over, you feel anything you try will come off, and if they don't

you're much keener not to make further mistakes. The

bian Gulf. They beat seeded Taiwan and Tunisla by iden-

tical scorelines, 21-17, to gain

a place among the top eight. They may not last very long

against Zimbabwe, whom

they will meet on the second day, but their 15 minutes of

glory is assured.

The new seedings are divid-

ed into eight groups, the win-ners of which will be the qual-

ifiers from this tournament

for the World Cup Sevens in Hong Kong next March. This gives Yugoslavia and Tunisia as Scotland's opponents, while the sacrificial lambs for

Wales are Kenya and the Czech Republic, who have conceded a total of 147 points.

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Kenya 12, Denmark 19; Kanya 0, Tonga 49,
Poel De Wales 77, Singspore 0; Zimbabwe 14, Singspore 0; Zimbabwe 14, Wales 31,
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21, Talwan 17.

Golf

render them harmless if necessary has seen him discard Bristol's Paul Hull after a couple of internationals and then promote Catt to No. 10 to make way for Stimpson. Parhaps the nearest England got to producing a JPR for the Nineties was the talented lan Funter, a creative risk-taker whose burgeoning Test career was unhinged by injury.

Stimpson accepts that the chance to score a try, and

duties of an American foot-ball quarterback and wide receiver with something extra and all your own. Some-times you're the only player.

Bridgend brush off Back

ATTHEW BACK may vic injury ruled him out for be on his way to most of last season. The force his way back for the Swansea, after having his contract terminated by Bridgend.

We held with the player.

Should find it difficult to force his way back for the game against Wales in Cardinal by Bridgend.

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Should find it difficult to force his way back for the game against Wales in Cardinal by Bridgend. Seedings for the second day depended on the number of competition the surprises tries scored, and although came from the hosts, the Araing his contract terminated by Bridgend. The former Wales full-

back was released as a disciplinary measure after he failed to turn up for a European Conference trip to Narbonne last month.

David Campese has virtually admitted his Test career is over after being left on the bench for Aus-

tralia's game against Ire-land in Dublin tomorrow. Bridgend's chairman
Derek King said: "That was
simply not acceptable, especially as it followed another incident when Matthew was late for a home
match. It is always a great

Narbonne last month.

His old place on the wing
will be filled by the centre
Jason Little, who has been
asked to play out of position despite being sidelined
for three weeks with a
knee-ligament problem.

against Munster in Limerick next Tuesday. shame to see a good player lim Horan, who played on the wing against Scotland, switches back to centre.

Back won four caps during the 1995 Five Nations championship before a pel-

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Edwards on top of world

Cricket

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It completes the most financially rewarding year of Edwards's career. He picked up 20kg gold bars worth \$500,000 for winning the triple jump at all of the Golden Four meetines in Oslo Zurich Brussels. ings in Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin, and earned an-

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The Red Army from Russia will play in England for the first time in January, writes Pat Rowley. They will take part in the DTZ Midland Indoor tournament on January 4.5 at Kidderminster and Worcester.

Cricket

The Red Army from Russia James Male, the world rackets champion, yesterday reached the semi-finals of the British Land Open at Queen's, writes David Frost In his quarter-final he defeated Chris Bray, the Petworth professional world-ranked No. 5, 8-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-5.

cricket manager for three seasons until 1990, is returning and Scotland's Peter Nicol

Golf
Ernie Els and Wayne Westner shot four-under par 68s yesterday as the hosts South Afterday Afterda

rica established a two-stroke lead on the first day of the match than the scoreline sug-

SportsGuardian

Best's jibes get England coach hot under collar

Robert Annstrong

HE England coach Jack Rowell yester-day made the aston-ishing accusation that was trying to undermine the England squad's build-up to tomorrow's international

against Italy at Twickenham.
Rowell questioned the timing and motivation of a bitter personal attack by Best on the man, who sacked him as a coach two years ago. Best also described certain RFU members as "two-faced and gutless" in comments officially published today in Rustry. published today in Rugby

The long-running war of words between the two coaches was given a fresh twist when Chris Sheasby, who is due to win his first cap as England's No. 8 after the late withdrawal of the injured Ben Clarke, suggested he would not have been selected had he remained with Harle-quins instead of switching to Wasps last summer.

Best, Quins' director of rug-by, pushed Sheasby's internanal claims with notable lack of success last season.

England include two Quins, Will Carling and Jason Leon-ard, but the 29-year-old ard, but the 25-year-old Sheashy strongly implied his England career would have been stillborn had he not switched. "If I had stayed at Quins I would have been pushed by certain people and that would not have gone down well with England in the current climate," said the Wasps forward, who

with Best before moving on England squad session at Twickenham yesterday, took Best to task in strong terms for his hostile outburst. "It's not my practice to criticise or comment on the work of other coaches," he said. "I don't understand the motivation of other people who seek to disrupt the preparation of the international team.

Best forecast that Rowell would be sacked by the RFU at the end of this season, someone a one-year contract if you have confidence in him. It tells me at least that at the end of the season it's probably

Best also criticised Rowell's team selection last season. 'In bringing back Dean Richards he wasted a whole year in the development of the team. He did it to get a result, otherwise he would have been out of a job.

"I don't think he'll be the coach or manager by the time of the next World Cup in 1999. The RFU have to invest in him but the problem is I don't believe they have much faith

There is a possibility Best plinary action after his con temptuous attack on RFU committee members. "The reason I won't be asked back to the England set-up] is that I made it patently obvious to a lot of these people that I never even want to see them again. They are two-faced and gut-less and I have very little





'He'll find it a much tougher game when he's out of office and no one is giving him those three- and four- foot putts' - Donna Caponi, former US Open champion, on Clinton

Yesterday the world's most powerful man took on the world No. 1. David Davies was there

Georgie left to ponder the Irish question



Vincent Hanna

EORGE BEST sug-gested this week that Ireland might field one international football team instead of two, I can't remember George talking politics before, except for his story about the time some one threw a petrol bomb at him: "I drank it," he explains. I am in Belfast this week

and, as a tribute to the general effection in which George is held, no one took the slightes notice of his remarks, which may be emotionally sound but are politically deft.

Sport is like everything else here, a metaphor for political life, it flour shee as long as politics permit, which meens that in a twinkling it can turn

very nasty.
In the past few mostles in
the province we have had
some prime examples of
stupid behaviour, over which
local leaders seem imposes. orfartive, or both.

Ireland plays as one nation in rugby and cricket, which are middle-class sports. Tribal dif ferences are set aside in the celebration of internationals at Lansdowne Road, Minor sports flourish in a non-sectar ian atmosphere because they are just that minor. But tly Northern Ireland oper ates its own system of volun-

tary apartheid. Catholic schools opt for Gaelic games (football and hurling). The GAA bans members of the British security forces from membership. Protestants do not play. The

two tribes are segregated at school, social club and on the playing field. There is little real contact between them except in soccer. There's more than enough real contact there. Soccer is the working-class game and used by extremists,

when it suits them, as a battle ground for sectarian strife. There have been three predominantly Catholic teams in the North's Irish FA this century; two have left and the third are thinking about it. the same colours as their Glas-

gow cousins but they closed in 1948 when supporters of Lin-field, the dominant Protestant club, invaded the pitch and

Jimmy Jones, the Calife cen-tre-forward, had his leg bro-ken. Derry City left the IFA in 1972 after sectarian riots; they now play in the FA of Ireland (the Republic's professional league). The two associations field separate international items. There is no chance of There is no chance of

When I was young I watched Cliftonville, an amateur side and the worst in the IFA. Their ground is aptly called Solitude; their supporters are non-sectarian masochists, united in despair. Once i watched a seaguil sleep throughout the second half on the Glentoran crossbar. In 1974 the club became pro-

fessional and changing demo-graphics brought more Catho-iles into their hinterland. They were dubbed the "Fenian" team, Irish tricolours began to appear on the terraces and local paramilitar-ies on both sides found them handy to exploit.

A few weeks ago coaches carrying Cliftonville supporters to a match in Portadown were attacked by a Loyalist mob, windows were smashed and seats ripped out. Banners said: "Kick Republican scum

out of Uister," The club chairman Jim Boyce is also chairman of the IFA, which has been criticised IFA which has been criticis for its complemency — play down the trouble in the hope that good times are around the corner, "Live in Northern Ire-land, not cloud-cuckoo-land," said Jim, and there are big-

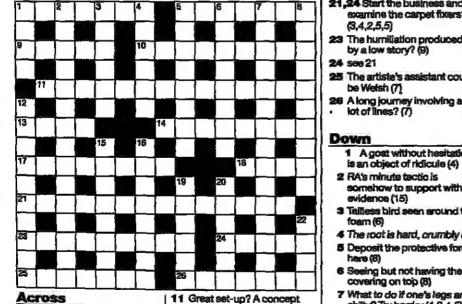
ots on both sides here." There was talk of Cliftonville departing, protests by politicians (mostly about threats to their voters) and then, as quickly as it began, the violence died down. The past two weeks have been rel-atively peaceful — one Loyalist explained that "word went out to lay off" - and ga have been played with only "peaceful" protests.

"HIS week there is more stupidity on display as Catholics boycott some Protestant shops, and Catholic worshippers at a church in Ballymena are

ed by a Loyalist mob. This rams home something should have learned in the days of South African boycotts, namely that sport does not change society but rather reflects the prevailing political mood. Real change comes only when people demand it or are inspired by great

leadership, Northern Ireland is constantly being told to take risks for peace. Everyone would like to, but no one wants to be first, Except George Best, of saruoo

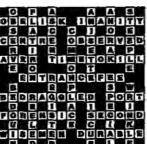
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- based on another (14)
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- missing game (8) on the fiddle (4)
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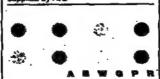
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He'll find golf a much tougher game when he's out of office and no one is giving him those three- and four-footers."

But no one was going to stand on too much ceremony yesterday when the Norman, the world No. 1, played the world's mos powerful man, Bill Clinton. Norman had just accred a five-under-par 67 in the Australian Open in Sydney when he was whirled away by helicopter (his own, not Clinton's) for an 18-hole game with the US President

South Wales course.

who took on Greg Nor-

man yesterday is alleg-edly a 10-handicap player,

but one who reputedly ex-erts Executive Privilege over the matter of four-foot

putts and rarely asks him-self to hole them. Nor is he

too stringent in the matter

American habit of having

another go if the first effort

is unsatisfactory. "He scores between 80

and 90 depending on how

many mulligans he gives himself," said Donna Ca-

tator and former US

poni, a television con

at the magnificent New

his caddie. "More balls." he whispered, and the caddle hurried off to the pro shop for a dozen Maxili, the preferred Norman brand.

Norman, who said the 18 holes were more of a fivehour lesson than a match. felt that Clinton lacked op-portunity rather than tal-ent. "Give me 60 days and I'd have him breaking 80 every day," he added. "He has a lot of supoir faire and knows a lot about the

The result of the game

came under the Official Secrets Act but the match did provide a lifetime highlight for Sam Hutton, the fouryear-old son of a former president of the Australian Ladies PGA, Denise. He was sitting on the shoulders of his father John, watching proceedings, when Norman spotted them and came over to say hello. The President, like every good politi-cian, recognised a good photo-opportunity and

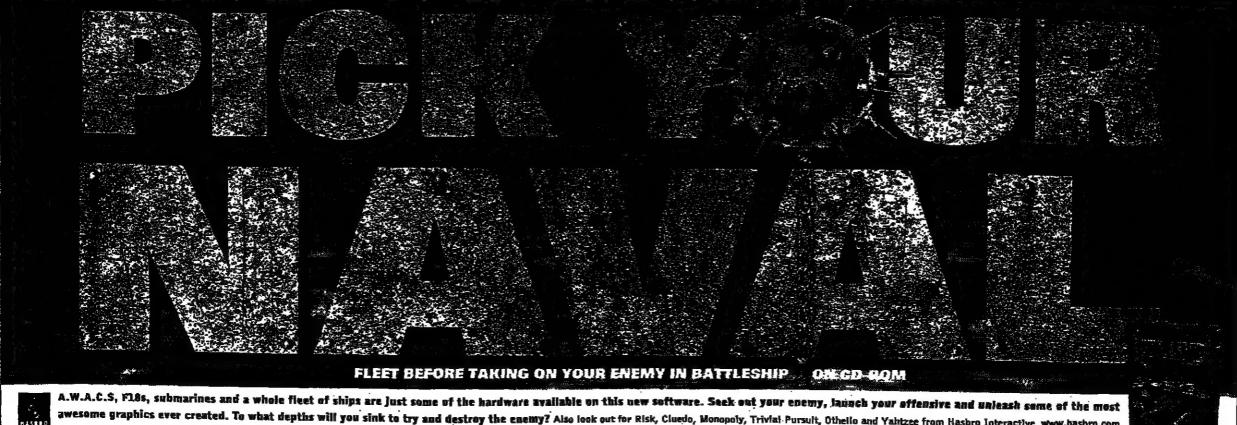
Little Sam held his hands over his eyes in shyness and John had to explain: Tm sorry, Mr President, but he doesn't know who you are. He only came because he really, really wanted to see the Shark."

Shearer the 30-day wonder

ENGLAND's captain Alan Shearer will make his Newcastle comeback at Chelafter his groin operation, which normally sidelines a player for six to eight weeks.
The £15 million striker came through a full training session yesterday, and Newcastle's assistant manager.

Shearer's strike partn Les Ferdinand, out with a pressed fracture of the chone, hopes to be back to fix castle's assistant manager.

Terry McDermott said Shearer almost played against Metz on Tuesday. "If it had been the last same of the season Alan would have played," he said. Shearer's strike partner Les Ferdinand, out with a de-pressed fracture of the cheek-



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